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Settler stabbed in Hebron; condition remains serious

NISSIM Gidawi, a 72-year-old Kiryat Arba man, was in serious but stable condition last night af-ter being stabbed in the back with a butcher knife while shopping in the Hebron casbah.

Gidawi frequented the casbah unarmed to shop and talk to Palestinian acquaintances. According to Kiryat Arba and Palestinian casbah residents who knew him, he was on good terms with local shopkeepers and had been going to the casbah regularly for 23 years.

The 10 a.m. attack occurred while many Hebron and Kiryat Arba residents were leaving for Jerusalem - carrying signs warning of the danger of Arab violence - to protest the IDF withdrawal from most of Hebron.

Gidawi was attacked deep inside the casbah, where Israelis normally do not go unarmed. He was taken to Hadassah-University Hospital, Ein Kerem and underwent an emergency operation. Despite the wound's depth, the knife

did not strike any vital organs.

Casbah shop owners closed their stores immediately as the army put the casbah under curfew, but settlers managed to knock over several fruit and vegetable stalls. One fish shop owner complained he did not have time to refrigerate the NIS 10,000 worth of fish sitting out on a slab. "A man is stabbed and he wor-

ries about fish?" asked a soldier who sent him away. Hebron Mayor Mustafa: Natshe condemned the attack as

"a plot against the withdrawal from Hehron. It must have been

committed by someone with an interest in stopping the withdraw-al, maybe collaborators."

Former Likud defense minister Ariel Sharon, who came to the scene, suggested that Hebron's Jewish quarter be annexed to Riryat Arba. He demanded that the IDF retain security control over all of Hebron and only leave the Palestinians civilian control.

"You can't overlook facts created in the area, but no more territory should be handed over which doesn't leave security in

Israeli hands only," he said. Sharon blamed Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat for "not acting against terror" and accused him of fulfilling "ev-

ery criterion of a war criminal." The attack occurred in an area which will remain under Israeli control. The assailant escaped, but several men in the area were rounded up for questioning.

Natshe said be believed the IDF withdrawal was imminent and "may be in the coming week. We know that all the government departments are evacuated and that when we had a meeting with the governor of the city last week he said we are ready to withdraw in a few hours."

The Hebron mayor met yester-day with four Norwegian members of the Temporary International Presence which is to monitor the situation in Hebron. which will be divided into areas A. and C. Some 15,000-20,000 Hebron residents will be living in the area under Israeli control, according to Palestinian estimates. Related stories, Page 2



Medics rush Nissim Gidawi to Jerusalem's Hadassah-University Hospital, Ein Kerem, where the knife in his back was removed during surgery yesterday.

'Arafat will accept Hebron pullback delay'

HILLEL KUTTLER and DAVID MAKOVSKY

WASHINGTON

PALESTINIAN Authority President Yasser Arafat has made clear to the US that he does not expect Israel to redeploy from Hebron before the May 29 elections, but instead will be satisfied with a gradual approach, diplomatic sources

"I think Arafat is talking about a Hebron pullout process which begins now but occurs in stages and lasts past the elections," a source said.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres has felt in a bind on the Hebron issue, the source said. On the one hand, he sees a pullback from Hebron as helping his standing with Arab voters, but on the other band he sees it as undermining

bis support with religious Jews. Evidence of the gradualist approach is the deployment of Nor-wegian observers in Hebron, as was done in the aftermath of the

1994 Hebron massacre. Meanwhile, the US and the PA agreed yesterday to establish a bilateral commission for conducting relations and working to further Palestinian economic development.

The commission was discussed at length during Arafat's meeting at the State Department with Secretary of State Warren Christopher. Arafat called the commission a "very good and strong

Arafat had earlier met for 45 minutes at the White House with President Bill Clinton in a session focusing mainly on furthering economic development and assistance in the autonomous territories.

It was Arafat's first solo visit to the White House. He was here in September 1993 and September 1995 for the signing of the Oslo

The commission will be "a

more established mechanism for

us to do business," White House spokesman David Johnson told reporters.

Prior to their meeting, Clinton told reporters that he applauded Arafat for last week's PNC vote to amend sections of the PLO Covenant that contradict the 1993 letters of recognition be-

tween Israel and the PLO.
With Arafat sitting alongside
him in the Oval Office, Clinton refused to indicate his position on a Palestinian state, saying doing so would "get in the way" of Is-raeli-Palestinian negotiations toward "a permanent peace that

"I do not believe the US can serve any useful purpose by get-ting in the middle of decisions which have to be made by the parties themselves," Clinton

In their meeting, Clinton pledged that the US would deliver on the remainder of its \$500 million, five-year pledge to assist Palestinian infrastructure development. The US has already disbursed \$156m. of that total, and Clinton assured Arafat the US is working to ensure that other donor nations fulfill their pledges,

The PA was to have received between \$450m. and \$470m. in donor aid over the past four months but has received just \$27m., Arafat said in an appearance at the National Press Club.

ning Sunday, the Palestinians "are not asking for the moon" on such issues as Jerusalem, borders, settlements and refugees. be said. "We are not asking for more than for the international resolutions to be implemented," Arafat said.

Asked whether he expected a Palestinian state to be established, Arafat responded: "Yes, yes, yes. It is coming. No one can hide the sun with his fingers."

Army to try colonel in seizure of reporters' phone records

THE chief military prosecutor, Brig.-Gen. Ori Shoham, has decided to court-martial a Military Police detective who ordered the mobile telephone records of journalists to be

seized in an attempt to stem leaks last month. The IDF Spokesman said the decision was made following the hearing yesterday of Col. Avner Liron, represented by lawyer Shlomo Zipori. Liron will be charged with acting in excess of his authority; negligence; and behavior unbecoming an officer.

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Liron is suspected of overstepping his authority by using the list of telephone calls made by Israel Radio reporter Youi Ben-Menachem, the army said. He is suspected

of negligence for destroying lists concerning the use of the data he obtained and not properly documenting it, and of intentional-Shoham said Liron would be tried on the

ly hiding the full use of the data he obtained. latter charge by a major-general. In his legal opinion, Shoham wrote if the major-general determines Liron intentionally kept information from legal military figures and "the most senior commanders," then there was room to convict him of behavior unbecom-

ing an officer. However, Shoham wrote, if it is determined that be did not pass on the information due to "a negligent and mistaken judgment and acted in good faith and not with malice, and not with the intention of misleading, then there would be room to con-

vict him of negligence." Liron has been dismissed from his post until all proceedings against him are completed, in accordance with Shoham's orders. Zipori said he was surprised by the decision.

They are making him a scapegoat. I'll have more to say about this later, but I want to wait until I see the prosecutor's legal

opinion," Zipori said.

Shoham, in conjunction with the head of Military Police and instructions from Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, has determined clear procedures for conducting investigations involving journalists, the army said. Liron reportedly was allowed to examine an eight-day list of telephone calls made hy Ben-Menachem in an effort to plug leaks from the army. But he reportedly reviewed six whole months of

"I hope that justice will be served." Ben-Menachem said. "But this is a shame for the

Swiss bankers, Jewish organizations near claims agreement

MARILYN HENRY

when the commission might con-

Julius Baer and a member of the

executive board of the Swiss

Bankers Association, will sign the agreement on behalf of its 405

member banks, sources said. The

association is not authorized to

make commitments for other

The bankers are "committed to

resolving all outstanding questions

about these accounts in a sensitive.

equitable, open, accurate and pro-

23 at a hearing in front of the US

The commission was first out-

lined in an association letter, dat-

ed April 9, to Israel Singer of the

World Jewish Congress. It is ex-

pected to have a total of 10 mem-

bers, some of whom would be

considered "alternates." Five of

the members will represent Jew-

ish organizations, including the

WJRO and the Jewish Agency.

has been extremely rocky. In Jan-

uary, Edgar Bronfman, head of

the WJRO, declined to discuss

negotiations with the Swiss

banks, saying both sides had

agreed to confidentiality. Jewish

groups were aghast when the banks unilaterally announced in

February that they had conclud-ed their review, which forms the

basis for their current assessment

of the Jewish assets. Late yester-

day, as they were preparing for

today's meeting, both sides ex-

pressed concerns that a snafu

could derail the agreement.

The road to the commission

Senate Banking Committee.

sional manner," Baer said April

Swiss financial institutions.

Hans Baer, chairman of Bank

clude its work.

SWISS bankers and Jewish leaders, harring any last-minute glitches, will sign an agreement today in New York to work together to resolve the thorny issue of Jewish

assets in Swiss bank accounts. The agreement, between the Swiss Bankers Association and the World Jewish Restitution Organization, forms an independent commission that would arrange an andit of the accounts. That audit would involve "unfettered access" to relevant banking files, several sources said.

Access has been a key concern of the Jewish groups, who have disputed the Swiss bankers' assessment that there is about \$32 million in 775 dormant accounts. Jewish groups maintain that the banks have consistently undervalued the Jewish accounts. However, without access to bank records, they have been forced to rely on assorted documents. ollections and archival evidence to challenge the bankers' credibility and to guess at the extent of Jewish assets, which some think must be worth billions of dollars.

The WJRO has insisted that its primary concern was the socalled transparency of the process, to ensure that all assets would be accounted for.

It was impossible to estimate



Detainees' rights improved by new law

THE Knesset last night passed a law which will reform the procedures involved in detaining suspects, including halving the amount of time a suspect can be held without seeing a judge, and should reduce the number of

false arrests. The law passed unanimously and has been hailed as one of the most important pieces of legislation the committee prepared this term, though only four MKs turned up for the vote.

A person who is arrested will now be brought before a judge within 24 hours. In the past, the limit was 48 hours.

The law also calls for the maximum preservation of dignity for detainees and determines the reasons for which a person can be

LIAT COLLINS

held in detention before being charged. These include reason to believe a suspect will: interfere with the judicial procedure or attempt to influence witnesses: flee the country or avoid being brought to trial; hide material related to the case; or endanger

public safety. Under the new law, simply being charged is not reason enough to be detained before the trial and new criteria bave been determined.

The physical conditions granted to a detainee are also set out in the law and include a minimum of a bed; mattress; blanker; medical treatment; and adequate lighting and ventilation

Police officers must inform suspects of their rights, including the right to remain silent and the right to a lawyer. A suspect will have the right to meet a lawyer

from the first investigation. The law also provides compensation for someone falsely arrested, and the compensation must cover his lawyer's fees. Someone who files a false complaint leading to an arrest will be obliged to pay compensation and legal de-

feuse costs. The law was initiated by Meretz MK Dedi Zucker, chairman of the Knesset Law Committee, who had worked on this law's preparation for more than two years.

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Senate calls for extradition of Abu Abbas

THE US Senate Tuesday unanimously called for the extradition of Abu Abbas, who masterminded the 1985 hijacking of the cruise liner Achille Lauro in which a Jewish passenger was murdered.

Abu Abbas, in Gaza for a meeting of the Palestine National Council, told reporters on April 22 that the killing of wheelchairbound Leon Klinghoffer, 70, was a

Voting 99-0 on Tuesday for the resolution, proposed by Senator Alfonse D'Amato of New York. the Senate urged the Justice Department to seek Abbas's detention and extradition 'from the appropriate foreign government. That government was not

The resolution reflects the sentiment of the Senate and does not compel the Justice Department to take action.

Abu Abbas was convicted by a Genoan court in June 1986 and sentenced to life in prison, in absentia. The US previously had a warrant for his arrest, but it was MARILYN HENRY

canceled in January 1988. In a related matter, a federal judge in Los Angeles this week halted deportation proceedings against two Palestinian immigrants who had been accused of engaging in terrorist activities through their support for the Popular Front for

the Liberation of Palestine. US District Judge Stephen Wilson ruled Monday that the government has failed to show that Khada Hamidi and Michel Shehadeh "had the specific intent to further the unlawful aims of the

PFLP ' It was not clear whether the federal authorities would pursue their deportation.

Although the government had submitted material on PFLP terror, the court said none of it implicated the two Palestinians. Further, Wilson said, the PFLP also engages in lawful activities, including sponsoring cultural events and political demonstrations. The government failed to prove that the two intended to further the PFLP's illegal aims.

The support for a group's lawful, versus terrorist, activity is at the heart of another immigration proceeding. In New York, Muhammed Musa Abu Marzook has been detained since July in a federal prison while the US tries to bar his legal entry on grounds that he is involved with Hamas. Israel is seeking Abu Marzook's extradition in connection with terror

Abu Marzook has said he is the head of the political wing of Hamas, but is not involved in its mili-

Hamidi and Shehadeb are part of a group - known as the "L.A. Fight" - that US immigration authorities have been trying to deport for a decade. The others are Hamidi's Kenya-born wife, and Aiad Barbkha; Niam Sharif; Amer Basher, and brothers Avman and Amjad Obeid. all

US: We have evidence Iran is trying to bring down Peres

THE US has its own evidence - backing up assertions by Israeli officials that Iran is seeking to step up terror in order to unseat the Peres government, senior Clinton administration officials said yesterday. Prime Minister Shimon Peres and OC Military Intelligence Maj. Gen. Moshe Ya'alon each insisted recently that Iran wants to accelerate terror attacks in the hope of unseating Peres and torpedoing "We have our own evidence, independent of the Israelis, that Iran is

seeking to increase attacks on Israeli targets before the elections, boping this will somehow bring Labor's downfall, and undermine bopes for peace," a senior administration official said.

The evidence we have is more than just a deduction [based on a David Makovsky/Washington recent increase in attacks]."

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Knesset discusses postponement of Hebron withdrawal

WHILE Kiryat Arba residents and

Meretz supporters protested outside, the Knesset yesterday discussed motions calling for a

postponement of the IDF withdrawal from Hebron. Internal Security Minister Moshe Shahal, speaking on behalf of Prime Minister Shimon Peres, said Israel intends to honor the agreements with the Palestinians, including withdrawing from Hebron, but the timetable demands serious consideration. Likud faction chairman Moshe Katsav called on the government to posipone the pullback until after the

MK Hanan Porat (NRP) said the Hebron redeployment "would be a crime against Judaism, national interests and state security. I believe the entire Oslo agreement was a miserable affair. We are facing a difficult situation and the question is bow we deal with facts already on the ground and how to prevent future disasters. The disaster which we're facing in Hebron exceeds those of Nablus and Jenin, and it's not for nothing that you have hesitated to pull the IDF out from Hebron.

Shahal said under the agreement the IDF is not to completely pull out of Hebron and would remain in control of the Machpela Cave and the Jewish quarter.

policemen and in the city itself there would be only unarmed municipal inspectors and joint Israeli-Palestinian patrols.

Interior Minister Haim Ramon accused the NRP of trying to avoid the discussion on whether or not to separate from the Palestinians. He said Israel "has to make the difficult choice between the tombs of the forefathers and the future of the sons."

Environment Minister Yossi Sarid said if Peres did not honor the accords, PA President Yasser Arafat would not be bound by them, either. The NRP declared its motion a motion of no-confidence. The vote will take place at a later date, after the Knesset House Committee determines whether a no-confidence motion can be heard during the recess.

Earlier yesterday, members of the religious factions met in the Knesset with residents from Hebron and Kirvat Arba to discuss the withdrawal. They are demanding an urgent meeting with Peres on the issue. Kiryat Arba resident Rabbi Eliezer Waldman warned that residents might be forced into desperate and dangerous measures.

Hebron residents said that even OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan had told them he was "shaking" at the thought of what could happen in Hebron after the pullback.

Plenum debate degenerates into political mudslinging

THE election jingles were all that was missing to accompany the slogans bandied about during yesterday's Knesset plenum discus-

A debate on Operation Grapes of Wrath, initiated by Labor faction chairman Ra'anan Cohen, turned into a discussion on the intentions and abilines of Prime Minister Shimon Peres and opposition leader MK Binyamin

In his speech. Netanyahu accused Peres of returning to the bad old days of Mapai when party interests reigned supreme.

Everything is for the party and the polls." Netanyahu said.

He said the agreement reached with Hizbullah prepared the ground for attacks on IDF soldiers, adding Peres had "cynically admitted the agreement is expected to last until the elecrevealing his true con-

Netanyahu also attacked Peres for his statement that the changes

NEWS IN BRIEF

Thousands of shekels stolen from Egged An Egged cashier carrying tens of thousands of shekels was

attempted to apprehend the thief. Police are investigating the

Man, son sentenced for raping daughter

A 59-year-old Tel Aviv man and his 28-year-old son were

the man's 22-year-old retarded daughter.

Patients' rights law passes

to investigate patients' complaints.

mugged yesterday afternoon in Beit Shemesh. He had been on his

whom passers by said appeared to be in his twenties, attacked him

stole the money, and disappeared. Several passersby unsuccessfully

sentenced to five years in jail and two years' suspended sentence yesterday by the Tel Aviv District Court for raping and sodomizing

The men, accused of committing the acts during the girl's 1992 Succot visit to her father's home, denied the charges. They also are mentally ill, but were found fit to stand trial. The judge ruled that

the girl did not know it was wrong to have sex with her father and

A law passed in the Knesset last night should significantly improve

patients' rights. The law grants the right of emergency treatment to

all; the right to information about the doctor and treatment; and the

circumstances. The law also calls for a committee to be established

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right to a second opinion. Doctors will be obliged to gain the

The legislation was sponsored by Labor MK Yossi Katz,

chairman of the Knesset Labor and Social Affairs Committee.

patient's consent for treatment under all but exceptional

brother, and therefore did not object. However, because she is

retarded, her "agreement" to have such relations could not be

recognized as such. A third suspect was found innocent.

way to deposit the day's earnings in a nearby bank when a man,

in the Palestinian Covenant are the most important event in the Middle East in the last century. Netanyahu charged the changes had not been made, but a committee had merely been formed to procrastinate doing so.

... This is the most important event and not the establishment of the State of Israel, the Six Day War and liberation of Jerusalem, or even the Balfour Declaration?" Netanyahu asked,

He also accused the Labor government of acting to establish a Palestinian state and redivide Jerusalem. He added that Peres was "cynically trying to use US-Israel relations as part of his party electoral propoganda.

"What wouldn't you do to get back into power, Mr. Netanayahu?" asked Tourism Minister Uzi Baram in response, He accused Netanyahu of changing his mind daily according to the results of public opinion polls.

He said Peres's visit to the US and the agreements signed there on taking joint action against terror could not harm Israel even if they benefited Labor. He also said Operation Grapes of Wrath had achieved its goal of stopping the Katyushas on the northern settlements and creating a coalition to form a solid base for the understandings, while avoiding being dragged into a war of attrition

Foreign Minister Ehud Barak told the Knesset that Israel's power of deterrence had increased as a result of the operation.

"Anyone in the Arab armies surrounding us who sees the Israel Air Force's ability understands that the same missiles that go through the windows, or hit a solitary vehicle, or hit artillery 57 millimeters from Syrian radar firing next to Beirut airport, can act also in an all-out confrontation. It does not give one the appetite to take on the IDF,"

Gilman calls on PNC to finalize changes in covenant

Jerusalem Post Staff

US Congressman Benjamin Gilman called on the Palestinians to comply with their obligation to delete the clauses in the Palestinian Covenant that are inimical to Israel by the May 7 deadline set by the Oslo 2 agreements.

"[Last] Wednesday's vote by the Palestinian National Council in closed session to delegate the necessary authority to a so-called 'legal committee' was only a first step," reads a statement the New

York congressman released. "The vote did not specify the clauses to be deleted from the charter, nor did it establish a date by which the committee was to report back to the full Palesunian National Council, nor yet a date by which the Council itself was 10

"As of now, the obligation to amend the charter bas not been fulfilled," Gilman's statement

Liat Collins

He said the PNC vote was important because "it shows that Palestinian Authority President] asser Arafat understands that the Covenant with its language calling for the destruction of Israel is an obstacle to peace, and that Arafat can deliver when he understands that he must."

Gilman also called on Arafat to demonstrate his commitment to the peace process by uprooting the terrorist infrastructure in the areas under the PA's control and making it clear that terrorism will not be tolerated.

12 hurt in accidents

A soldier was seriously injured and two others were lightly hurt when their car overturned yesterday afternoon in the Jordan Valley road, near Kibbutz Beit Zera. The car swerved off the road, hit a tree and then overturned. The three soldiers were brought to Poriya Hospital near Tiberias. The police and military police are investigating the cause of the accident.

On the same road later in the evening, nine people were lightly injured at Migdal junction, when two cars collided after one ran a



Hebron Jews: City will become breeding ground for terrorists

MANY of Hebron's Jewish residents came to Jerusalem yesterday to protest the planned IDF evacuation of the city and to attract national support for their

The protest was planned long before the stabbing of Kiryat Arba resident Nissim Gidawi in the Hebron cashah yesterday morning. Community leaders said the stabbing, which left Gidawi in serious condition, further demonstrated that the army must stay in Hebron in order to maintain security in the city.

us that the minute the army leaves Hebron it will be a disaster," said Hebron settlement leader Noam Amon. "Hebron is a Hamas haven. Eighty percent of the population support Hamas.

"Two-thirds of the organizations, shut down recently by the army because of their affiliation with Hamas are in Hebron, and half of the terrorists detained in the erackdown were from Hebron. what more proof does the government need?" Amon asked.

The protesters from Hebron and Kiryat Arba were joined outside

the Knesset by residents from other settlements. . A special plenum session was held yesterday in which the Hebron withdrawal was discussed. In the early afternoon, there were several hundred demonstrators present.

Arnon said IDF redeployment from Hebron would mean not only a threat to the security of Jews living in the city, but also to Israel itself, because Hebron, without the army's presence, will turn into a lannching pad for terror attacks.

The atmosphere at the protest

was picnic-like. Volunteers gave out ice cream cones to the protesters, to help them keep cool in the extremely hot weather. Dozens of police and border police were pre-sent, with police concerned the tempers of protesters might also turn hot.

Arnon characterized the protest as "quiet," explaining that Hebron's Jews didn't want to alienate the sest of the country, but gain their suppose. He warned, however, that if the government goes through wife the planned redeployment, people might lose

Peres: No contradiction between French and Israeli policy on Lebanon

THERE is no contradictioo between the policies of Israel and France concerning Lebanon, and Jerusalem and Washington welcome French participation in implementing security arrangements in southern Lebanon, Prime Minister Shimon Peres said in Paris yesterday.

Peres and French President Jacques Chirac held a 90-minute luncheon meeting at Elysee Palace that was conducted in a warm and friendly," atmosphere, according to French sources.

There have been fears that Chirac's declared "Arab policy" toward the Middle East might harm relations between Israel and France. However, Peres said his host used the term "Middle Eastern policy" instead. That says it all, Peres noted.

Peres has repeatedly expressed his wish to see France engaged in reactivating the peace process, especially with Lebanon.

Lebanese bave to recover their political independence and terri-

France and Israel agree that the

THE two candidates for prime minis-

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torial integrity." Peres said after

Chirac and Peres mainly discussed the security agreements that were worked out by US Secretary of State Warren Christopher and French Foreign Minister Herve de Charette last weekend. According to Peres, this written understanding gives all partners "a great chance, not only to resolve problems of the past, but also to open a new stage [of peace] in the future." The two leaders discussed means to implement the arrangements.

Both agreed on the necessity to have a "two-tier" structure. This would combine a five-member monitoring committee (US, France, Syria, Lebanon and Israel) that will supervise the situation in south Lebanon and intervene to prevent military incidents, and a larger consultation committee including representatives of the EU, Russia and Japan, aimed

Peres-Netanyahu TV debate set for May 26

MICHAL YUDELMAN

at reconstructing Lebanon.

Peres told Chirac that Israel is willing to participate in financing

the reconstruction of Lebanon, though he told journalists that this did not mean payment of compensation, "since Israel also suffered Peres invited Chirac to soon

make an official visit to Israel. The French president accepted the invitation, but no date was set. Earlier, Peres inaugurated the "Square of Tolerance," dedicated to Yitzhak Rabin, at UNESCO headquarters in Paris. The inauguration

took place with the participation of Leah Rabin, UNESCO Director-General Federico Mayor, and French Justice Minister and socialist opposition leader Lyonel Jospin. The ceremony was boycotted by all Arab delegates and representatives in UNESCO and France.

The square, designed by Israeli artist Dani Karayan, is a gift from Israel to UNESCO, Before leaving Paris, Peres met with UN Secretary-General Bouros: Boutros-Ghali.

insisted on the traditional format of

one debate moderated by a senior television person-

next Sunday, will open with a Labor video clip and

end with a Likud one, Ramon and Livnat decided.

Rubinstein: North to get more educational resources

EDUCATION Minister Annon Rubinstein announced a series of measures yesterday to improve educational conditions in the nombern border communi-

Rubinstein met with Finance Minister Avraham Shohat yesterday to discuss the educational needs of schools in the North At the end of the meeting,

Rubinstein said NIS 2 million had been allocated for the installation of air-conditioners in Kiryat Shmona schools.

Regarding school counseling, another 200 hours of psychological counseling will be added this year, and 500 next year to schools in the North. Rubinstein said another 10 positions for

school psychologists would also be added He said NIS 4.5 million would be granted over the next three years for the development of Tel

Hai college. Summer camps to the North will also get extra funds.

"Vast resources must be allocated to return life in the North to normal, especially in the edu-

cation system, since it is the barometer of every community's social life," Rubinstein

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ality, established in 1977. The moderator for the debate, which will be broad-The date was set yesterday at a meeting between cast on both television channels, has not been decid-The campaign television broadcasts, due to begin

MK Binyamin Netanyahu, will take part in a televised debate on May 26, three days before the elections.

ter, Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Likud leader

Labor's campaign information chairman Haim Ramon and his Likud counterpart, Limor Livnat. Labor rejected the Likud's initial demand for a number of televised debates between the two. Ramon

Party funding bill expected to pass **EVELYN GORDON**

THE Knesset late last night was expected to increase the funding which several parties will receive for the upcoming elections by allowing parties to continue to

receive funding for breakaway

However, the breakaway MKs will also receive funding for their new parties. Thus the taxpayer will pay twice for each breakaway once to his original party, and once to his new party. The law passed easily passed first reading and returned to the Knesset Finance Committee which was expected to rush it through its second and third readings late last

night. The bill also raises the limit on contributions by individuals to the parties. Until now, the law limited donations to NIS 500 per household. However, the new law changes the limit to NIS 500 per

"Hope" The Jewel of Peace

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Court rejects petition for Russian, Amharic voter data

THE High Court of Justice rejected a petition demanding that certain types of voter information be in Russian and Amharic, as well as in Hebrew and Arabic, saying that in some cases, the law does not permit this, and in others, there is simply not enough time prior to the elections to make the necessary arrangements.

The petition, filed by the Yisrael Ba'aliya Party, asked that Russian and Amharic be added to both the voter notices telling people where to vote and the ballots for the prime ministerial race. It also requested that parties be allowed to but Russian and Amharic translations of their symbols on the

At a hearing yesterday, the party withdrew its requests regarding the ballots for both party and prime ministerial elections after it

New law cuts time soldiers can be held without seeing judge

EVELYN GORDON

THE length of time for which a soldier can be jailed without seeing a judge was reduced yesterday by two-thirds, to eight days, in a

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new law passed by the Knesset. The law, which takes effect in 60 days, also states that this period will be reduced again, to 48

hours, two years later. Currently, soldiers can be held by the military police for up to 25 days without the approval of a military judge. The new law, in addition to reducing this period to eight days, also adds a new layer of supervision to the process: After four days, an arrest order will require the approval of a mil-

itary prosecutor. Finally, the law states that in two years, the maximum period a soldier can be held without a judge's approval will go down again, to 48 hours. The army, backed by the government, had opposed this provision, saying it wanted to see now the reduction to eight days worked before committing to any further changes. However, MK Dedi Zucker (Meretz) then submitted it to the plenum as an amendment, and the

plenum voted to accept it. Zucker explained that in the civilian world, no one can be held for more than 48 hours without seeing a judge, and the Knesset Law Committee is now working on a bill to reduce this period still further, to 24 hours. While the army needs time to adjust to the new regime, there is no justification in the long term for the large gap between military and civilian arrest procedures, he said.

This gap has also been challenged in a petition to the High Court of Justice by Association for Civil Rights in Israel. The petition, which is still pending, argued that allowing soldiers to be jailed for eight days without seeing a judge violates the Basic Law: Human Dignity and

Hadassah International to establish branches in Morocco, New Zealand

JUDY SIEGEL

HADASSAH-International, a medical relief group in 34 countries affiliated with the Women's Zionist Organization of America, is working to establish new branches in Morocco and New Zealand.

The international organization's membership consists of both women and men, Jews and non-Jews, whose common denominator is a professional interest in medical services.

The initial aim is to bring in members of the Jewish community in Morocco, but the organization does not rule out including Moslems as well.

The five-day conference of Hadassah-International, which has been attended by 200 participants from North and South America, Europe and Southeast Asia, will end today.

Entertainer Harry Belafonte, who was supposed to receive a special award for his UNICEF work, was unable to come to Jerusalem, as he has to undergo

surgery. He will receive his prize later at Hadassah headquarters in New

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became clear that the law explicitly forbade any language other than Hebrew and Arabic to be printed on the ballots. However, the state said it would consider posting lists identifying the party symbols in Russian and Amharic in the polling stations, at the sug-

gestion of Justice Yitzhak Zamir. With regard to the voter notices, the state argued that there was not time to implement such a change, because the voter rolls do not identify voters by their country of origin and finding this information for each voter would be a

major research project.
Furthermore, government attorney Dana Briskman said, voting procedures have been extensively publicized in Russian and Amharic, and the Central Elections Committee will also man telephone hotlines in these languages for people who are not sure where they should go to vote. Therefore, she said, any immigrant who wants to vote can easily find out where to go.

Attorney Joseph Perlov, representing Yisrael Ba'aliya, argued that these measures are not enough. Furthermore, he said, the problem could be solved by sending a second notice in Russian and Amharic to all people who immigrated after a certain date - which would not be a major burden on the state - instead of to each person according to his country of origin.

However, Justices Aharon Barak, Dorit Beinish, and Zamir decided that it was simply too close to the elections to demand that the state make such a change, and therefore rejected the petition.

Personal inscription to be allowed on soldiers' tombstones

LIAT COLLINS

FAMILIES of fallen IDF soldiers can now add a couple of lines of personal inscription to the tombstones.

A law, sponsored by MK Dedi Zucker (Meretz), passed second and third reading in the Knesset yesterday.

Under the law, the principle of uniformity for soldiers' tombstones will be preserved, as the extra lines will be added in the same place on all the stones.

· Bereaved parents at the Knesset for the discussion yesterday greeted the bill with mixed emotions, saying certain clauses violate a High Court of Justice decision on the subject and detract from the honor of the dead. In particular, the bereaved parents want the epitaph to be inscribed on the headstone while the IDF is insisting it be added on the flat part of the tombstone.

The law passed unanimously by 12 votes. It was decided that the defense minister will determine the precise regulations. The IDF will also be given the right to veto phrasing.

Bill passed to stop abuse of soldiers during training

LIAT COLLINS

THE Knesset yesterday passed second and third readings of a bill aimed at preventing the abuse of soldiers under the guise of train-

The bill, proposed by MK Esther Salmovitz (Atid), calls for a one-year jail sentence for soldiers who abuse their authority. limite many the demotion. The new law allows for a three-year sentence in particularly severe cases. Officers who

abuse their authority during training exercises could receive a three-year sentence, or five years in specially harsh circumstances. uncation for the use of

Salmovitz said there had been a recent increase in the number of cases in which soldiers were mistreated on the pretext of training exercises. She said there is no juspressure which could endanger soldiers and that heavy sentences could be a deterrent.



Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert awards Benjamin Pater, 5, the Jerusalem Pin yesterday on his completion of the four-day Walk for Water, sponsored by the Jewish National Fund of Great Britain to raise money for JNF water reservoirs. This was the third year Ben participated in the event.

Israel to help remove mines from Angola

BATSHEVA TSUR

ANGOLA, where some 70,000 people have been killed by mines in the past two years, is seeking aid from Israel in tracing and defusing the explo-

In a Jerusalem meeting yesterday. Foreign Minister Ehud Barak told his Angolan counter-part, Juoro De Miranda, that Israel would join in the UN effort to rid that country of the mines which were haphazardly laid by the warring sides. There are no maps available of the

Israel is also looking into the possibility of sending a medical team to fight the malaria which has affected members of the UN peacekeeping forces maintaining the cease-fire in

The Angolan foreign minister delivered a letter from Angolan President Jose Dos Santos expressing satisfaction over the Middle East peace process, to be given to Prime Minister Shimon Peres.

De Miranda is expected to give a similar epistle to PLO chairman Yasser Arafai when they meet today in Gaza.

Angola has also expressed interest in expanding its international cooperation projects with



Angolan Foreign Minister Juoro De Miranda examines exhibits at Yad Vashem yesterday. Ranc Harari Israel in the fields of agriculture, health and education.

an unusual request - that Israel years of colonial rule they had send experts to train their diplo-The Angolans also presented matic corps, noting that after

not prepared a cadre of diplo-

FAO planning international food summit here

REPRESENTATIVES from more than 50 countries attending the European Regional Summit of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization - being hosted for the first time by Israel - are. among other items on their agenda, preparing for the first World Food Summit.

Close to 200 heads of state are expected to attend the five-day

summit, which is to open in Rome on November 17, the upcoming summit's secretary-general, Kay Killingsworth, said yesterday in Killiogsworth said that nearly

800 million people are chronically undernourished and some 200 million children under the age of five are in jeopardy because of

BATSHEVA TSUR chronic protein or calorie deficiencies. By the year 2030, there will

be 3 billion more people on earth - most of them in the developing nations - and without concerted global action the number which is undernourished will not substantially diminish, she said.

"The summit is a landmark event. For the first time, the heads of government will make a concerted effort to eradicate hunger and ensure universal food security," Killingsworth said. The responsibilities of the individual nations and international bodies will be defined. We have to put the food issue back at the top of the international political agen-

Bank customers can file class-action suits

CUSTOMERS will now be able to file class-action suits against banks, according to a law which passed its final reading in the Knesset yesterday. The law will from actions which occur after it

Health Ministry 'quit smoking' contest offers trip to Canada

A TRIP to Canada is the first third annual "I Quit, I Win competition. The winner will participate io an international quit-smoking competition in Canada, where the top prize will be \$5,000 and all expenses paid for one week.

The events are planned as part of World No-Tobacco Day, to be held on May 31.

The Health Ministry's local competition is being sponsored Associatioo, the Israel Society for the Prevention of Smoking, the health funds, and other members of the Israel Forum for

the Prevention of Smoking. The "I Quit, I Win" competition begins today. Participants must be 18 or over and have smoked at least one cigarette a day for at least a year. They must have quit smoking

for a minimum of a month from the start of the competition until the lonery choosing the prize winners is held. The contesiants must agree to

undergo a medical test to ensure that they have quit smoking, and registration forms must be signed by two witnesses, one of whom may be a relative.

The first prize, donated by Air Canada, is a flight to Canada; the second prize is a four-day trip to Turkey; the third prize is an Arkia flight to Eilat and two nights for a couple in a local

A follow-up study of previous participants showed that 66% were not smoking 18 months later. 3% were smoking less. and 31% resumed smoking as

Most of those who quit said they had received support from friends and relatives. nicotine gum and patches to ease their nicotine addictions. the success rate after 18 months was not connected to the use of

such products. As a result, researchers believe these can help only during the first month after giving

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Workers of the world march again

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WORKERS of the world united yesterday to celebrate May Day with mostly peaceful demonstrations in pursuit of their claims for safer jobs, better pay and more

Only in Turkey was there serious violence. Turkish television reported two people killed before an International Labor Day rally in Istanbul.

Fights broke out, and guns were fired, after a group of demonstrators refused to submit to police screening, the report said.

Two wounded demonstrators died in hospital from gunshot

Lesser violence was reported in Germany, where 150 rioters clashed during a street party in east Berlin with police using batons, teargas and water cannon, authorities said.

Police had feared left-wing or anarchist troublemakers would use the "Walpurgisnacht" Witching Night party, organised by young alternative groups and squatters, to start a riot.

In Moscow, thousands of marchers turned the traditional celebrations into mass shows of political support for rival candidates in next month's Russian presidential election.

Communist supporters, led by party leader Gennady Zyuganov, garhered under a statue of Soviet state founder Vladimir Lenin before marching in a sea of red flags to the Bolshoi Theatre.

There is not a single person here who won't be voting for Gennady Zyuganov," said one marcher as rain began to fall.

Across the city, President Boris Yeltsin, trailing Zyuganov in most polls, told a rally of several thousand trade unionists all democratic forces must unite before the

Yeltsin, 65, who had two heart attacks last year, danced a jig with a woman in traditional dress. Russian news agencies said

Grozny, the capital of Chechnya, largely destroyed by Russian shelling last year, was almost deserted after local authorities banned all events.

Cuba's leaders vowed to mass one million people on Havana's streets yesterday for a May Day demonstration to show defiance of US government efforts to isolate the communist island.

This year's march follows three vears in which the traditional labor celebration was canceled because of an economic crisis that made

'uel and transport hard to find. Billboards and street paintings across Havana exhort Cubans to attend the march. Party officials circulated through workplaces and door-w-door in neighborhoods urging people to march.

The focus of the march is opposition to a tough new US embargo in own as the Helms-Burton Act. passed in March.

We all march against Helms-Burron," read the headline in Sunday's weekly newspaper, Juventud Rebelde (Rebel Youth). It was arranged over a photograph of a globe bound in rope and bearing a "Made in USA" label.

In Beijing, and in most other places, economic rather than political problems were upper-

most in demonstrators' minds. Chinese police broke up an International Labor Day demonstration and detained several people after clothes vendors took to the streets protesting against the alleged seizure of their goods.



France's far-right National Front leader Jean-Marie le Pen salutes the crowd in front of a large mural of Joan of Arc during yesterday's May Day rally in Paris's Place de l'Opera. At left is National Front regional secretary Bruno Megret.

Monrovia fighting spreads; US marines fire on Liberians

BODIES piled up across Liberia's capital as the latest truce collapsed in a frenzy of bullets and shelling. Three were killed by US Marines as they ran toward the US Embassy firing their

Twelve days after warlords agreed to a cease-fire, the streets of Monrovia were in the hands of gunmen again yesterday. The fighting is the fiercest since battles first broke out April

Fighting yesterday was concentrated around besieged military training camp, whose floors were bathed in blood after dozens of victims were carried in or dragged themselves

Rocket-propelled grenades smashed into the grounds of the camp as doctors worked, bringing wails of fear and pain from civilians who thrashed on the floors or on flimsy stretchers.

Fighting remained heavy at the training camp yesterday. Warlord Roosevelt Johnson has been holed up inside with bundreds of armed supporters since April 6 in an attempt to evade arrest on murder charges for clashes in

The government troops trying to arrest him include fighters loyal to rival warlords Charles Taylor and Alhaji Kromah, members of a sixman ruling council made up of faction leaders

All sides had agreed April 19 to a truce negotiated at the American Embassy, but fighting reignited Monday as government leaders attempted to meet at government headquarters. George Moose, the US assistant secretary of

NYENATI ALLISON MONROVIA

state for African affairs, had intended to hold talks at the American Embassy with government, peacekeeping and faction leaders. But mortars, machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades forced him to cancel.

The executive mansion is near the military camp, and Taylor and Kromah accused Johnson's men of attacking them from there. Moose blamed Taylor for the renewed fighting and warned of a "major catastrophe" if it

Taylor will be beld responsible," Moose said in a telephone interview from the embassy. "If he persists in taking power, he should expect a strong international reaction." US troops were drawn into the violence for the first time when they fired on gunmen shooting toward the embassy, which is guarded by about 230 Marines.

"We don't know what (the attackers) were aiming at." US Defense Department spokesman Kenneth Bacon said in Washington. "Fire came in and it was returned. Three Liberians were killed and a fourth was

wounded by the American troops, who are stationed throughout the sprawling compound.
Witnesses said the dead Liberians were Johnson fighters who were running toward the

embassy firing their weapons while pursuing rival gunmen. By early yesterday the area had quieted

down and was back in the hands of Taylor's fighters. At least nine bodies were seen in the area, and bodies littered the streets of the city

The once-plush neighborhood is now blighted by looted United Nations offices, burnedout cars and ramshackle dwellings sheltering bomeless civilians.

Doctors at the military compound clinic said at least three people had died there Tuesday and 60 wounded came in, many of them civilians caught in cross-fire. The casualty toll was sure to rise once the streets were safe enough to begin counting victims.

The fighting could jeopardize the United States' offer of \$30 million in aid to bolster the West African peacekeeping army deployed in Liberia since 1990.

The army, which numbers about 8,500, was accused of not doing enough to prevent the first round of fighting April 6-19, and It bad maintained a heavy presence in the streets after

But soldiers quickly abandoned their positions to the heavily armed rebels who overran the city.

Liberia's civil war began six years.ago, but the capital had been considered a safe haven under peacekeepers' protection and had not experienced all-out warfare since 1992, when Taylor tried to take the city. The peacekeeping army drove him back. The US military began evacuating

Americans and other foreigners from the city (AP)

Stunned Australia falls silent

'HOBART, Australia (AP) - Still stunned by the horrifying slaughter of 35 people by a lone gunman this week, Australians across the nation sadly observed a minute of silence vesterday for the victims.

Thirty-five candles, representing each of the dead, were placed at the foot of a simple wooden crucifix erected in front of an omate altar during a memorial service at the Gothic-style St. David's Anglican Cathedral.

Christian, Jewish, Hindu, Buddhist and Moslem clergy read lessons from their respective holy texts at the service.

As the nationally televised service began at 10:30 a.m., a minute of silence fell over Australia.

The hundreds of mourners included family, friends and neighbors of those killed at Port Arthur, a historic tourist site in Tasmania. A few of those wbo witnessed the bloodbath also came to pray.

Grief-stricken, they sang hymns and bowed their heads. Many sobbed and hugged as they tried to come to grips with the tragic scale of the massacre, the worst in

Australia's modern history.

About 800 worshipers filled the sandstone cathedral with many more outside. Some sat in stands erected in closed-off streets.

Tasmania's Anglican Bishop Phillip Newell said the slayings have plunged us into the dark-

ness of grief." "The suddenness of the assault, the scope of the massacre, the senselessness of the carnage, have left us in deep shock and even anger. The destruction of beautiful lives and the wastefulness of it all have immersed us in a sorrow which we have never known

before," he said in his sermon. The Australian Stock Exchange and the Sydney Futures Exchange. shut down for one minute in tribute, and tram service was halted for a minute in Melbourne.

Flags across Australia flew at half staff, and services were held in other cities.

'No one in our small community goes untouched by this wickedness. Pain is exched in every face," Tasmanian state Premier Peter Rundle told the congregation.

Condolence messages came from Britain's Queen Elizabeth II as well from Dunblane, the village in Scotland which still mourns the loss of 16 children and their teacher in a massacre on March 13.

Earlier Prime Minister John Howard visited the death scene at a picturesque colonial prison site, 50 km southeast of Hobart.

East German files cast light on Nazis

BONN (Reuter) - East German secret police files that have come to light since unification in 1990 are giving prosecutors a last chance to nail Nazi war criminals who for decades were left unpunished for lack of evidence.

Nazi-bunters are poring over millions of documents known as the "Z files" that East Berlin's notorious Ministry for State Security (Stasi) compiled before the communist state collapsed, officials said in interviews this week.

The material is a potential treasure trove of records so sensitive that only prosecutors are allowed to see them as they seek more clues to revive dozens of stalled war crimes probes.
The Stasi files sometimes pro-

vide material that can help us pick up the threads after 20 years," said Herbert Schneider, an investigator at the central bureau in Ludwigsburg probing Nazi crimes.

File information, first turned over to the "Gauck agency" in charge of Stasi documents in 1993, bave already prompted Cologne prosecutors to re-open a war crime probe into former minister Theodor Oberlaender.

Transcribed witness accounts allege Oberlaender killed prisoners and ordered soldiers to com-

mit other crimes in Eastern Europe when he was an army officer in 1941 and 1942.

Oberlaender, who served in the German government from 1953 to 1960 and is now 91 years old, has denied the charge.

An East German court sentenced him in his absence to life in prison in April 1960, but parallel proceedings in West Germany were dropped when prosecutors failed to substantiate charges.

A Berlin court overturned the old East German conviction in

Schneider said the Oberlaender case could be one of many spawned by the Z files, named for their designation in the Stasi filing system, although the quality of the documents varied.

The files contain Nazi and German army documents from 1933 to 1945, as well as from the de-Nazification process after the

The raw mass of data became a potent library only after the Stasi created Main Department IX/11 in 1968 with the task of gathering, trawling and exploiting pre-1945 Nazi material.

The files helped East Germany to investigate war crimes and crimes against humanity, but also to blackmail Nazis into spying for

South African strike tests ruling alliance

Defiant Chechen leader

alive, vows to keep fighting

MOSCOW (Reuter)- Chechen separatist leader Zelimkhan Yandarbiyev, reported by pro-Moscow officials as having been killed. has appeared on television and vowed to keep fighting Russian forces. luterfax news agency said yesterday.

"Zelimkhan Yandarblyev, successor to Dzhokhar Dudayev, spoke on the television channel of the armed Chechen opposition and vowed that the fighters intend to 'continue their struggle to the last soldier'," Interfax said. The rebel television broadcasts in southern mountains where most fighters are based after more than 16 months of bloody fighting with

Russian troops. Several officials of the pro-Moscow Chechen government had said Yandarbiyev, 44, died Sunday night in a gun battle with other separatists

near Urus-Martan, 25 km south of Grozny. Yandarbiyev's reported death was accompanied by a barrage of speculation by various officials about disarray and divisions in the guerrilla leadership after the death of former Soviet air force general Dudayev, killed in

a rocket attack, which rebel leaders blamed on the Russians, on April 21. Yandarbiyev, a hardline secessionist, took over in his capacity as Dudayev's vice-president.

National Congress (ANC) and its labor and communist partners and members said the bonds held. The formal alliance between the ANC, the Congress of South

TUESDAY'S national strike test-

ed the cohesion of an alliance between South Africa's African

African Trade Unions (Cosatu) and the South African Communist Party (SACP) helped Nelson Mandela to a runaway victory in the first all-race elections in 1994 - and to the presidency.

But after two years in power, the ANC and its partners are finding their priorities are no longer always identical. The tension became most evi-

dent this week as Mandela and ANC secretary general Cyril Ramaphosa failed to persuade

BRENDAN BOYLE CAPE TOWN Cosatu to call off a one-day

national strike against a labor clause in a draft constitution due to be ratified next week. Still, the ANC said its failure to stop the strike was not a sign of a rupture in the alliance.

"I don't think there is any strain, or much strain in the alliance," Ramaphosa, a former mine union leader, unld Reuters. "The ANC has to consider a

whole range of interests from time to time. As a government, we have to take into account a whole range of stake-bolders, including Cosatu and business." An SACP member wbo

declined to be identified con-

firmed that a special leadership meeting on the eve of the stoppage dealt with how the alliance should approach the strike.

Where there is a conflict

between workers and bosses, the alliance must never strengthen the hand of the bosses - that was reaffirmed," the delegate said. The strike stemmed from a

labor-employer conflict over the inclusion in the final majority-rule constitution of an employer's right to lock out strikers.

While the ANC supported the deletion of the lock-out clause, it opposed Cosatu's resort to a strike in the middle of the worst eco-

nomic crisis the new government

has faced.

The impending strike was cited as a factor in the rand's fall last week to an all-time low of 4.58 to the dollar from 3.65 at the beginning of the year. It has recovered to 4.32.

"Cosatu is not helping at all. We can't understand what they are thinking about," said a source close to Mandela. SACP deputy chairman Blade

Nzimande said the alliance debate leading up to the strike had forced the three parties to reexamine their objectives, but had not strained their cohesion.

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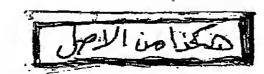
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This white pique suit by American designer Jeanette Kastenberg is available at the Wear House in Herzliya Pituah.

Label lust

GREER FAY CASHMAN

THEN it opened last year in the Herzliya Pituah Industrial Zone, the Wear House, operating on a labels-for-less formula, attracted an instant following, despite the fact that most of its designer-label merchandise came from the previous year's collections.
A couple of seasons of minimal-

ism coupled with the resurrection of classicism, made the garments. emmently sellable, and women flocked from around the country to buy items previously unavailable here. It didn't matter that they weren't the latest inspirations off the drawing board. What counted was that they were imbued with the magical aura of the top names in the world of fashion.

But now the Wear House has gone one better and is actually selling trendsetters from current-US and European collections at prices lower than those charged

One of the dangers in a labelsfor-less operation is that fashion name-droppers will buy something unflattering for the sake of showing off the label. Don't let the

big names fool you. The possibility of name-intoxi-cation manifested itself this week when the Wear House showed its most recent acquisitions which included some downsight dowdy Christian Dior creations.

Dior was not the only disappointment of the day, but the runway displays were generally upbeat, with the Sixties not only revisited but restructured. Trapeze-line dresses, for instance. were more streamlined than they had been in an earlier era, and tailored jackets bad a softer line than the severe constructions synony-

mous with classicism. What was parently obvious was that, despite the forecasts that the mini won't last, it seems destined

to stay. The inhibitions once nursed by women with fat thighs, knobbly knees and bow legs have not been inherited by their daughters who in general are hiking their hemlines and lowering their waistlines.

AMERICAN DESIGNER Jeanette Kastenberg is promoting the naked navel, especially in her gorgeous silk velour cropped tops paired with columned, low-waisted maxi-skins.

Curiously, one of the most modest suits was the white midi-skirted number which John Galliano designed for Madonna.

More in keeping with Madonna's image were the bras multi-seamed, occasionally underwired and frequently trimmed produced by other designers. A current must in ensemble dressing, the bra is teamed with either skirts or pants with semi-tailored jack-

But even more than the hra, the absolute must in this summer's fashion wardrobe is the tank top or, better still, the tank dress in mini and maxi versions. Although some designers made it skin tight, most favored the shift which is more comfortable and, in many

cases, more attractive. Consistently impressive were the Donna Karan coordinates including those under her DKNY label - which exuded effortless

Also worth noting for their clean, uncluttered elegance were Mark Eisen, Richard Tyler and Cynthia Steffe.

Some of the other famous labels available at Wear House include Ralph Lauren, Karl Lagerfeld, Ozbek, Oscar de la Renta, Chloe and many others.

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To make matters worse, the two bodies empowered to protect us from falling prey to such practices the Ministry of Health and the Israel Police - have been turning an equally hlind eye to their existence. Left with little alternative but to fend for ourselves, let us set our sights beyond the glare of glitzy ad cam-

paigns and focus on health.
The influx of large "vision centers" has been considered a positive phenomenon for the consumer. The exaggerated profits previously gained from the sale of frames is kept in check by competition between shops. However, important as these facial fixtures may be in terms of how we look, frames contribute till to how we see.

Y.E. was strolling through the

completing the usual toy-store and fast-food rounds, the young lad had one of his recurring headaches. (No wonder, considering the amount of noise in his ears and burger grease in his belly.) Formitously sporting an "Opticana" branch, Y.E. was reminded of his intention to take his son to an eye doctor (ophthalmologist) to see if a vision problem was behind the boy's condition.

When Y.E. arrived home a few hours later with a bespectacled son in tow and a wallet four hundred shekels lighter, his wife was a hit surprised.

When he said: "It's lucky I took him for a check-up. It turns out he needed glasses after all!", his wife picked up the phone and made an appointment for her son with an eye

Upon examining both the boy and his spiffy new spees, the doctor informed the parents that they'd been dured. Not only did the child not require glasses, but the lenses of the glasses he was wearing were so low in number that they were about as effective as a window pane.

According to Batsheva Daffan, ontics coordinator of the National Federation of Commerce in Israel. had Y.E. sued "Opticana" in the RUTHIE BLUM

Small Claims Court, he probably would have won. "Had he complained to the Health Ministry, on the other hand," she said shaking her head, "nothing would have been done.

Daffan, whose husband is a leading Jerusalem optometrist is involved in an on-going struggle to ensure the Practice of Optometry Law (1991) is enforced. But to enforce a law, the body responsible must supervise practitioners. In this case, the body responsible is the Ministry of Health, and practitioners range from licensed optometrists 10 charlatan merchants.

According to Daffan, "Opticana" and "Optica Holperin" are the most hlatant violators of the law, which forbids vision examination to be performed by anyone other than a licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist - or hy an optometry apprentice, under strict supervision. Neither she claims, employs licensed optometrists to examine customers. ("The only interest Rabbi Raphael Halperin has in optometry is commercial," she emphasized, pointing to the numerous complaints against him handled

by the Israel Consumer Council.) Had Y.E. been familiar with the law, which further states: "An

optometrist will not treat a child or an elderly person, unless the treatment is done under the supervision of, or referral by, an ophthalmologist...", his mall excursion would not have included a spur-of-the-moment splurge on specs for his son. The rest of us. at least, are now forewarned.

Health Ministry spokeswoman Yifat Ben-Hai responded to my inquiry as follows: 'The Ministry of Health can supervise licensed practitioners. Complaints against a licensed practitioner are examined. and - depending on the findings steps are taken, including revocation of a license. Practitioners who do not possess a license are in violation of the law. Complaints against them

should be lodged with the police." In other words, any charlatan can set up shop, advertise, examine our eyes, and sell us glasses, It is only the licensed optometrists who are answerable to the Health Ministry.

Beware. Only an ophthalmologist or licensed optometrist can perform vision examinations, and determine which type of lens is suitable. The optician is a technician, who prepares glasses according to a prescription. A salesperson can only

assist in finding a frame and depositing cash in the register. Do not rely on a license on the wall of an optometry shop.

Make sure the license holder is on the premises and is performing the eye examinations. Also, don't be swaved by unusually low prices for specialty (i.e. scratch-free) lenses.

This may indicate the lens in question isn't what the salesperson purports. To select an optometrist, employ the method used by most of us when searching for a reliable medical professional: ask around.

THE MINISTRY of Health has begun a two-month campaign (April 28 - June 28) to promote proper nutrition. Branches of the major supermarket chains (Co-Op Blue Square, Co-Op North, Hypershuk, Co-Op Jerusalem, Supersol-Hypercol, Shekem, and Greenberg) will offer bargains on dietetic products.

Taste-testing will be available at some of the branches: others will have nutritionists on the premises to answer customers' questions.

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Japan, land of the vending machine

was 11 p.m. and Umi Sakaguchi needed a birthday present, fast, In other places, she might have been out of luck. But this is Japan, so she ran to the

street corner, dropped \$100 in a vending machine and just like that, with a whir and a clunk, she had a gift-wrapped Armani tie in a pretty little box.

"Thank God! I was so relieved." said Sakaguchi, 29, a bostess in a Japanese bar whose livelihood depends on making regular customers feel special, especially on birthdays. "Vending machines are great when you're busy. You can get what you want, when you want."

Beer, whiskey, boxer shorts, sausage, rice; life insurance, dirty movies, eggs, pearls and custommade business cards. There is almost nothing that is not available in a vending machine in Japan, which US Ambassador Walter F. Mondale calls 'the vending machine capital of the world.

vending machines, which also offer \$100 stuffed elephants, disposable cameras and panty hose, are a \$6.5 billion-a-year husiness in Japan. They are a way of life in a country that delights in gadgets from wristwatches that double as television remote controls to toilets with control panels for seat temperatures.

Japan's newest vending machines are the Rhodes scholars of mechanical gizmos. There is "no-bending vending," which delivers coffee chest-high (convenient with Japan's skin-tight miniskirts), and machines planted with flowers to look pretty. Some soda machines tell fortunes. and inside one of the hottest night-



clubs in Tokyo, customers sidle up to a vending machine, not the bar, for a \$5 brew.

Most Japanese vending machines are outdoors; there's even one atop snowy Mount Fuji.

Low vandalism rates allow even expensive items to be on public display throughout the night. Space is expensive, so sbop owners use vending machines to stretch shelf area and consumers use them to sup-plement the tiny refrigerators found in cramped Japanese homes. Takashi Kurosaki, sextetary gen-

eral of the Japan Vending Machine Manufacturers' Association, said the Japanese feel more warmly about machines than do Westerners. In the US, Coca-Cola sells about 10 percent of its soft drinks through machines, but in Japan, Coke's 840,000 machines account for 55 percent of sales. Vending machine Coca-Cola costs \$1.10, while many bars and restaurants charge \$5.

It is difficult to find a street corner in Tokyo without a vending machine, and there are often clusters of five or 10 selling everything from "The Powerful" - an \$8 energy potion of carrots, garlic and Vitamin B - to a \$30 CD by Hoorie and the

Blowfish. But Japan's vending machines are coming under fire from the World Health Organization and teachers and parent groups upset that liquor, wine, beer and cigarenes are within

reach of any child tall enough to pop in coms.

Within four years, all coin-operated beer vending machines are to be abolished; already they are turned off between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. In their place, the national liquor association hopes to install beer machines that resemble hank ATMs. Only adults would be allowed to purchase the beer vend-

(The Washington Post)

Marco Polo may have faked it

F Marco Polo spent years exploring China for the Mongol ruler Kuhlai Khan, Las he claimed, why did his reports contaio no reference to the Great Wall, to Chinese tea-drinking ceremonies or to the practice of binding girls' feet to keep them In a new book, Did Marco Polo Go to

China?, British librarian Frances Wood highlights the holes in Polo's account of his years in Asia and suggests he never made it to China

"Like so many other great historical leg-ends, the story is a myth," argues Wood, head of the Chinese section of the British

Since 1295, when the adventurous Venetian merchant returned, ragged and exhausted, to his home city of Venice after 24 years on the road, he has been accepted as the first European to travel right across Asia. He told his story to a writer with whom he shared a Genoese jail cell in 1299 after being taken prisoner in a sea battle. It became the travel epic Description of the World, which had a deep impact on other early voyages of

Columbus is known to have owned a copy and studied it closely before sailing off in 1492, thinking he was headed for Asia.

Polo said he set off for China in 1271 with his father and uncle, bearing a letter from the papal legate in Acre and a bottle of oil from the lamp that burns in Jerusalem's Holy Sepulcher. In 1275 they apparently arrived in Kuhlai Khan's summer palace in Shangdu. The Mongol leader's huge empire then spread from China to the Mediterranean. According to Polo, Kuhlai Khan took a lik-

ing to him because of his lively conversation

and sent him on faci-finding tours across his newly conguered territory of China.

In her book, Wood says although Chioese sources of the period are linered with references to foreigners at the court of Kublai Khan, there is no mention of Marco Polo or any Italians. And, although his report included long descriptions of Chinese cines and aspects of life there, he failed "to remark upon the cultivation of the Yangtse delta area" and ignored the Great Wall.

Wood concedes that in Mongol times the Great Wall may not have had an uninterrupted run, and may therefore not have seemed so phenomenal. And as a city dweller, she adds, Polo may not have been ammed to agricultural developments.

His defenders argue that women with bound feet would have been closeted at home, invisible to a foreign visitor. But, says

Wood, Odoric of Pordenone, a missionary who visited China 20 years later, described them in detail.

Wood admits that, "if Marco Polo was not in China, there is, unfortunately, nothing to prove he was anywhere else." Nevertheless, she concludes that "Marco

Polo himself probably never traveled much further than the family's trading posts on the Black Sea and in Constantinople," pointing out that travelers who have tried to trace his footsteps have become lost at this point. Wood argues that Marco Polo may have

copied details from Persian or Arabic guidebooks on China that the Polo family collected on their travels. That, she says, may explain why his vocabulary and some of his descriptions - notably of large fowl in southern China - tally with those of some Persian and Arabic writers.

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National roots

OME of the country's educators are dismayed by the cancelation of the matriculation examinations in Bible studies, Hebrew literature and history, announced earlier this week. The decision was made by lottery, as it is done every year, to the palpable delight of the students. Obviously, the idea of a tough final examination in these subjects, considered archaic and irrelevant by many of them, does not warm the cockles of their hearts.

Decrying the system which this year - by pure chance - knocked out the main liberal arts subjects from the examination schedule, some educators have suggested that the old system of compulsory exams in all subjects be restored, or that the tests be abolished in all subjects. Others have proposed that the liberal arts studies and the sciences should be drawn in separate lotteries, so that at least one of each would be included in the final test.

But focusing on the examination is an exercise in futility. It is doubtful that the students so overjoyed by the exemption would be better educated if they had to cram for an exam next month. Their estrangement from these studies is a deeper problem, touching on the fundamental

philosophy of Israeli education. From its inception, the Zionist movement has sought a spiritual anchor. For the movement's observant followers, religion provides the necessary faith and sense of identity. And as long as the fight for the ingathering and the establishment of the state was the main Zionist preoccupation, the secular majority found its raison

d'etre in the struggle itself. The continuing threat of war, too, contributed to the feeling of idealism and purpose.

But the shrinking of the globe, the new technology and the seeming elimination of the immediate threat to the country's existence have made secular youth feel that they are more citizens of the world than children of a unique people. The education system, which in the secular government schools stresses universalism rather than Judaism, has encouraged what can only be described as cultural assimilation.

Nathan Jonathan, president of the Hebrew Authors Association, said on Sunday, "Everything that the enemies of Hebrew nationalism in the Diaspora, who tried to nproot Hebrew culture, and everything that Jewish assimilation has done to us is now being inflicted on us, incredibly, by the captains of Hebrew education through the Ministry of Education."

And as leading author Haim Guri has put it. "A subject like the Bible, which was once the basis of Hebrew education and Hebrew literature, has become a rejected subject in many schools. A whole generation of Israelis is being reared without biblical roots, without the erudition in the book of books, without which there can be no understanding of any Hebrew literature throughout the ages."

This is not an advocacy of religiosity; it is a plea for an understanding of the Jewish nation's cultural roots. Without them, the next generations of Israelis will wonder why they are not living in Los Angeles.

South Africa plays it again

HIS week the new South Africa has seen its first major strike, increasing unrest in KwaZulu Natal and a collapsing currency as it heads into local elections next month. It could be said that democracy has at last arrived with a vengeance, two years after the first multiparty elections. So far, the provisional government in Pretoria seems to be weathering the squall of problems with equanimity and it deserves encouragement from the rest of the world rather than censure or predictions of gloom and despondency.

The current political tremors in South Africa actually are not new problems. They stem from issues which have been deferred for two years and are now coming home to roost as an important deadline approaches - the finalizing of a new constitution on May 8. The situation is a virtual replay of the cliff-hanger that preceded the post-apartheid election, when the main Zulu Inkatha party's threat to boycott the ballot became only the most serious of the wrangling and horse-trading necessary to get the great democratic show on the road. A ceremony is planned for final approval of the new constitution being drafted by the Constitutional Assembly formed by both houses of parliament - and the politicians are at it again, trying to trip one another with loose ends.

The strike which halted much of industry Tuesday is directly related to the assembly's work. Employers want a legal provision allowing them to lock out strikers. The strike is a protest about the lockout clause, which the main

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and television network in the US

told the same story: the Israelis are

committing a massacre of innocent

civilians in Lehanon and clothing it

in rhetoric aimed at reelecting your

prime minister. His words of regret

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ity of the Lebanese government to

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shadow of Syrian occupation is pa-

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union federation Cosatu (the Congress of South African Trade Unions) sees as an attempt to

constitution. Far more serious now, as it was also before the 1994 election, is the troublesome province of KwaZulu-Natal. The main thrust of the Inkatha Freedom Party remains unchanged pushing for increased autonomy for the nine million Zulus. Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi held his boycott threat over the first

enshrine apartheid-style inequality in the

election until less than a week before the ballot. The ANC at the time agreed to international mediation on the autonomy issue. Such mediation never materialized, leading Buthelezi to boycott the Constitutional Assembly. Engaging in brinkmanship again, he has suggested Inkaina might rejoin the assembly it son ment can be reached in time to ratify the new constitution. But a savage attack on the respected Zulu royal family last week by unknown assailants, in which a princess was killed and a queen seriously injured, has raised the temperature in KwaZulu Natal to the danger point.

It is here that President Nelson Mandela's diplomatic skills are most seriously and urgently needed if the constitutional deadline and the May 29 local elections in KwaZulu are not to unravel. Buthelezi remains the most tiresome game-player in South African politics. It is high time he realized that if united South Africa fails, what remains of Zulu independence in the tribal basket case of Africa won't be worth having

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Lebanon's true winners

ne could be forgiven for thinking that two Grapes of Wrath operations took place. The triumphant victory cries of thousands of Hizbullah supporters in Lebanon, plus the fact that Syria oow plays an enhanced key role in the Middle East, cannot be denied.

In the Grapes of Wrath "B" ver-sion, Prime Minister Shimoo Peres struts the stage as a heroic figure, declaring that the ceasefire was an "agreement of the first magnitude." Never mind that Hizbullah is free to kill Israeli soldiers at will in the security zone.

There is much trumpeting about the scrap of unsigned paper, squeezed from Syria's President Hafez Assad, which promises Hizbullah will be restrained. We recall a similar, worthless note which Hitler gave the British premier in 1938 promising "peace in our time." To borrow a phrase: Would you buy a secondhand car from a man who is not prepared to

sign a contract?
With the terrorists virtually unscathed, one cannot argue with the Lebanese for saluting them as the victors of Operation Grapes of Wrath. Hizbullah's prestige has also been heightened by the IDF's failure to prevent it from firing hundreds of Katyushas into Israel. It makes the IDF military intelli-gence chief Moshe Ya'alon's claim that Israel never intended to disarm Hizbullah sound like a case of sour grapes. Worst of all, US Secretary of State Warren Christopher's negotiations gave Hizbullah, for the first time, a cloak of US and Israeli legitimacy.

sis by diplomats in Damascus that Iran emerges as the ultimate victor of Peres's half-hearted war. This became clear when Ali Akbar Velayati, Iran's foreign minister. flew to Damascus and spent several hours closeted alone with Assad. We were informed that as a result, the two men drew up a Damascus-Teheran pact.

In the past Assad had allowed Iran to train Hizbullah operatives in the Bekaa Valley. Arms flowed freely from Teheran to the terrorists operating against Israel. As a result, both Peres and President Bill Clinton berated Iran as being the puppet-masters of Hizbullah.

They knew, however, that it was Hafez Assad who exercised full control over Hizbullah. They remained silent in order not to anger him as they were trying desperately to persuade Assad to join the peace process. They chose to ignore his role in terrorism, as well as Syria being a major sup-

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plier of drugs to the Western world.

What impressed the Iranian mullahs," a diplomatic source told "was how Assad ordered Hizbullah to step up firing Katyushas into Israel Assad guessed that Peres would do something dramatic in order not to lose the Israeli elections. He also surmised that Peres would not dare attack Syrian bases in the Bekaa Valley.'

The Syrian leader was right. Because Grapes of Wrath was killing unarmed Lebanese civilians, Western leaders saw personal profit inbecoming "peacemakers." They flocked to Syria as if it

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were a major world power. Assad knew he held the whip hand. He even treated the "Big Satan's" man, Warren Christopher with dis-

We were told that the first fruits of the Syrian-Iranian pact was the dispatch of another 4,000 rockets via Damascus for Hizbullah. In exchange for the mullahs' powerful backing, Iran has taken a leading role in the now-legitimized

Iran is thus for the first time perched on Israel's northern border. Hand in hand-with Syria, it now directly controls the terrorists' swelling ranks. This fits in with the overall Iranian plan to spread its Islamic revolution. It already has virtual full control over the Sudan, where there are large terrorist training camps. Its grip, like that of an octopus, is closing in around the entire Middle East, including of course Israel.

THANKS TO Bill Clinton's secret decision to allow Iran to send sophisticated weapons and instructors to Bosnian Moslems for the past two years, the mullahs are today the dominant force there. Iranian specialists are train-ing young Moslems there as future terrorists. The aim is to spread the fundamentalist cause with bombs and mayhem into the heart of Europe when Teheran so decrees.

Iran's dark shadow appears

everywhere. Its Hizbullah specialists today train Moslem youth in South Africa's Cape region. A Hizhullah gang was recently arrested on the Argentinian-Brazilian bordet and Iranian-made terrorist rockets were smuggled into Antwerp. A gang of theirs was

caught in France recently. Hovering in the background are the Russians. They stiffened Assad's resolve to rub the noses of Israel and the US in the dust. This is Moscow's major step to reestabhish its role in the area.

The way in which Peres surrendered so rapidly to every Syrian condition for a cease-fire was based on purely personal political reasons, we were told by a top defense specialist.

"Peres already knew that, despite giving the impression that he would not hudge, Assad was worried that the releutless pressure of the IDF was beginning to finally take its toll on morale of the Hizbullah leadership. Assad sensed that the IDF might get its way by unleashing more of its power, as it was straining to do. Peres was told: 'If you continue for two or three days more, the nerve of the Hizbullah leadership and their Syrian masters is going to crack.

"Peres's reply was blunt and precise. He said 'I want to go to Washington, as planned, with a cease-fire agreement.' " He desperately needed the photo-opportunity which Clinton had on offer in the White House to win over the Israeli electorate. It is a wish shared with Clinton who also has his own electoral ambitions.

This conversation with the defense specialist took place on the Thursday, 36 hours before Friday evening's cease-fire decision. To achieve the cease-fire. Peres asked. Christopher to reduce his demands to a minimum." He did so, even though it resulted in Israel making significant concessions to Assad.

Assad, his objective of becoming a major international figure achieved, agreed to a written document. Its purpose was to save Peres's face. For Israel has suffered a serious setback by his faultily, illconceived, politically motivated military venture in Lebanon. Assad believes that the Golan Heights will fall into his pocket when Peres wins the elections. In politics, as in business, there is no such thing as a free lunch.

The writers are authors of The Mossad: Secrets of the Israeli Secret Service and other books on the Middle East.

POSTSCRIPT |

FORD UK Ltd, the British arm of Ford Motor Co., came under attack because it removed black faces from artwork in an advertising campaign.

Four black assembly workers found that their faces and hands had been colored white when a 1991 promotional picture was resurrected this year to illustrate literature for a credit-options scheme for car buyers.

Citing Henry Ford's apocryphal dictum about Model T Fords. "You can have whatever color car you want providing it's black," British legislator Tony Banks told parliament: "Now it would appear that Ford's new mission statement is that you can have any color worker you want at Ford providing he's white."

Ford withdrew the posters and scrapped thousands of copies of the hooklet featuring the allwhite line-up on its front cover.

Graphic artists superimposed white features over black ones on the negative for a campaign aimed for the Polish market, where there are few blacks, a company statement said.

Civics test

ALOUPH HAREVEN

orty-eight years ago, the Declaration of Independence affirmed the historic right of the Jewish people to establish their own sovereign state in the Land of Israel. The declaration also affirmed that there will be complete equality of rights in Israel, regardless of gender, faith or race. And it called upon Israel's Arab citizens to preserve peace, and "to participate in the building of the state on the basis of full and equal citizenship and due representation in all its provisional and state institutions.

Since then, perhaps the best-kept public secret in Israel is that civil peace has in effect prevailed between the country's Jewish and Arab citizens. Senior officials, both in the General Security Service and the police. repeatedly reaffirm that over 99.9 percent of Israeli Arahs have fulfilled the demand the Declaration of Independence made on them.

It is the state itself that has failed to keep its part. Even today, Israeli Arabs have not yet become part of all state institutions. Although the outgoing government has done more than any of its predecessors to include Arab citizens in the civil service, there is still not a single Arab civil servant in the President's Office (which has some 50 employees), nor are Arab citizens employed in most government ministries, nor on the directorates of most state-owned companies.

Parallel to this, all Israeli goveraments - except the outgoing one - practised severe discrimination in the allocation of resources to Arab localities. Many Jewish-Arab coexistence organizations are seeking to speed up the achievement of effective civic equality, hut in many fields the pace is still slow. As a result, there exists a considerable gap in development between most Arab and Jewish cities and villages.

Given these circumstances, what should we expect of Israeli Arabs?

They are not Jewish and it is absurd to demand that they integrate into the Jewish people. And yet, nearly all of them have become fluent in Hebrew. There are more Arabs in Israel fluent in Hebrew than there are Hebrew-speaking Jews in the Diaspora.

Thus, they cope daily with two identities, that of being both Palestinian Arabs and Israeli citizens. We cannot deny them their

What should we expect of Israeli Arabs?

right to declare their ethnic identity any more than we have the right to deny Jews in other countries the right to proudly proclaim that they are a part of the Jewish people. At the same time, we must recognize that Israeli Arabs are Israeli citizens.

DIFFERENT SOCIETIES test citizenship in different ways. In a totalitarian country, fascist, communist or fundamentalist, the supreme test is one of faith and opinion. Any deviation from the proclaimed ideology is often perceived as treason. In a democracy, citizenship is an empowerment to a rich cluster of civic rights, including the right to have and express an opinion of one's own, even if it differs substantially from the opinion of the majority. But citizenship is also empowerment to implement civic daties - of which the most important is respect for the law.

This then is the test of being a citizen - for all, and not only for Arab citizens: Do they, or do they not, act within the boundaries of the law?

Provided that there is no direct incitement to violence, all are free to feel, think and say whatever they wish. All have the right to be angry, the right to be critical, the right of dissent. The major test is not of opinion, but of behavior.

It is true that a few Arab citizens - and also a few Jews have acted against the state. For this they were brought to trial, and sentenced to prison. Should we judge both Jewish and Arah communities by these very few cases, and generalize that "they are all like that"? Or should we. on the contrary, rejoice that civil peace has so far prevailed between the great majority of Israel's Jewish and Arab citizens? And ask ourselves how we can enhance civil peace in the future?

The writer is codirector of Sikkuy - The Association for the Advancement of Opportunity.

PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



It's the fish that ate Boston. Actually, this wonderful promotion is for Ed Elkins's photo prop supply business.

'EYE ON THE MEDIA'

Bethesda, Maryland.

Sir. - The two letters published on April 2, "Eye on the Media" by Dr. Berthold Wyler, and "Please, stop it!" by L. Yuval, so accurately express my feelings on the content of the column that nothing need be added.

To be editor of a newspaper "regarded with contempt" by Max Hastings, one of the best journalists of our day, should, I feel, give you food for thought.

MRS. D. LEVI Haifa.

INTOLERABLE

SITUATION

Sir, - Should the present Israeli government draw a distinction between soldiers being killed in the "security zone" and rockets falling on Israel proper? I believe that the present Israeli

position of mildly responding to attacks which have been killing their soldiers and stronger responses when Katyusahs fall upon Israel is a flawed policy. The duty of a government is to protect its soldiers on the front line at least as much as it protects its territory.

In fact, the "security zone" has become de-facto Israel as long as Israel is in control of the zone. Therefore, an attack against the zone is an attack against Israel. Failure to respond with sufficient force to make such attacks unbearable to the attackers has indicated to them that they can continue in ambush Israeli soldiers and plant mines and remotecontrolled bombs at will. These terrorists successes have enabled them to augment the number of terrorists and increase the number of attacks. The acceleration of terrorist activity has increased the Israeli troop losses. This is an intolerable situation which Israel cannot and should

not accept. If Israel wants to remain in the "security zone," it must deliver an ultimatum to Syria and Lebanon. Either the terrorist attacks cease against Israel and the security zone immediately, or Israel will mount a massive attack until Syria and Lehanon are forced to control Hizbullah.

WILLIAM K. LANGFAN Palm Beach, Florida.

POWERFUL WARNING

Sir, - Israel does not have the option of trading the Golan for peace, but only for a promise of peace. What happens if Israel gives up one-third of its water resources and the high ground protecting eastern Galilee, and Assad is then overthrown or dies? What are the chances that his successor will honor any promises he has made? How many young Israelis will die retak-ing the Golan after rockets fall on Galilee from a Golan returned to

Syria? Just after the Six Day War and a tour of the Golan, Richard Nixon stated that Israel must never give up the Golan. This statement is as true now as it was almost 30 years ago. What is happening along Israel's northern border carries a powerful message. I hope Israelis are reading it correctly.

JOSEPH R. ABRAHAMSON, M.D. San Diego, California.

WOMEN SOLDIERS

Sir, - Apparently the person who wrote the headline for the article about women soldiers having a role in Operation Grapes of Wrath (April 18) is more enlightened than the reporter, who referred to the women soldiers three times in his article as

'girls.'' It is no wonder that young women in the army feel like second-class citizens when the media perpetuates the demeaning attitudes towards women which we all know are prevalent in Israeli society.

KATHY SALMANSON

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JUADALAJARA Mariachi was Invented Here

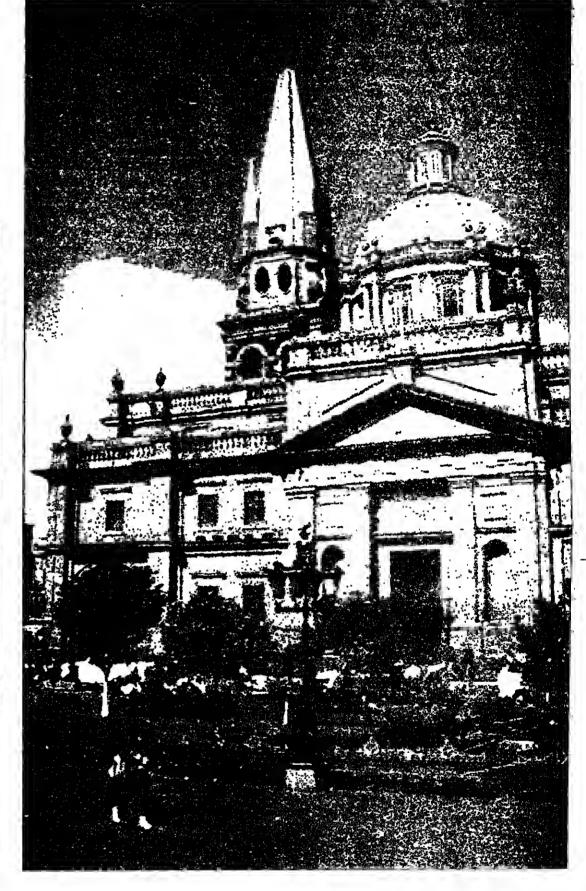


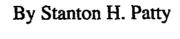
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Above: A balloon vendor finds a customer in the Tiaquepague area of Gnadalajara. Tiaquepague, a fancy neighborhood for the elite of Gnadalajara during Spanish-colonial days, now is a popular shopping district for travelers.

Right: Guadalajara's 17th-century cathedral, with its entertaining mix of architectural styles, is the city's centerpiece. The cathedral took 150 years to build during Spanish-colonial funes.

Below: A youngster pursues pigeons in the Plaza de Armas in the historic center of Guadalajara. Sunny Guadalajara is Mexico's second-largest city.





It was about 4 o'clock on a spring afternoon in old Guadalajara. Come to think if it, it's always spring in this stylish city of commerce and culture.

There was mariachi music on the breeze. Stabbing trumpet notes and rippling guitars. Sentimental stuff. Late-afternoon diners lingered in the lime-green light of a shady Tlaquepaque plaza. The band played on.

Tlaquepague ("Tla-kay-PAH-kAY"): It's where mariachi was invented, back when Guadalajara grandees made this fashionable neighborhood their summertime gathering place.

Now Tlaguepague—a 20-minute taxi ride from downtown hotels—is said to offer the best shopping in all of Mexico.

We're talking fine art here, everything from hand-blown glass to designer fashions. Many of the 18th-century mansions of Guadalajara's first families have been turned into workshops and galleries.

Pricey? Yes. A friend had her eye on an elegant chandelier, for about \$200 U.S. And then there was a papier-mache fish, signed by a famous artist, Sergio Bustamente, for \$75. But there are bargains to be had, too, Our friend found

stoneware cups—to replace her chipped set of Tlaquepaque cups at home—for only \$1 apiece.

We found a papier-mache clown for \$4. It was not signed

by the artist.

The preferred procedure here in Tlaquepaque, unless one is a dedicated shopper, is to small the pleasant pedestrian mall along Calle Independencia. Buy a few things for the folks back home, then get into a mariachi mood.

Find a table, order a local beer (Tlaquepaque dining is expensive) and presend it's siesta time. A roaming mariachi group will offer a time for a small gratuity, or you can play cheap skate by avoiding eye contact and enjoy borrowed music from other tables.

The air is warm. The beer is cold. The music is sweet. Old! This is a city to love.

Olé! This is a city to love. Guadalajara (pop. 5 million) is Mexico's second-largest city. Despite explosive growth, it still is a classy place, with stately colonial buildings from Spanish times, broad boulevards and plazas, art galleries, parks and fine dining.

And then there is the climate.

Average daytime high temperature here, in any season, is about 75 degrees. Bougainvillea, poinsettias, geraniums and other showy plants bloom with the exuberance of everlasting spring.

Weather and a dollar-stretching living style have made this a prime area for American and Canadian retirees. Estimates range from 30,000 to 40,000 Norte Americanos living around Guadalajara.

The Lake Chapala district, about 35 miles southwest of Guadalajara, is the major retirement center. Several tour operators here offer day trips to the charming village of Ajijic and other lakeside communities.

..it's always spring in this stylish city of

and rippling guitars. Sentimental stuff.

While high living on the cheap here isn't as cheap as it

"Life here is just great. So far this month, we have spent

"We have a maid who comes in three times a week for a

total of 15 hours for \$14. The gardener works three days for a total of 12 hours for \$13 a week. Heck, I can even afford to

"Come see us. We have a guest room that is about 10

just over \$100 on food and drink, and that includes entertain-

A friend wrote recently from sunny Ajijic:

used to be, there still are incentives.

ing guests at several dinners.

Can you drink the water? "Of course, We use bottled water."

Tempting, for sure.

drink here!

steps from the pool,"

commerce and culture. There was mariachi

music on the breeze. Stabbing trumpet notes

But what about life without grandkids? "Your call."

Mind if we come just for a visit?
"When can you be here? We'll have a party."

Our friend, incidentally, is from Alaska. Now you know why he brags about Guadalajara's fine weather.

Mariachi music isn't the only convivial thing native to Guadalajara and the state of Jalisco. This also is the home of Tequila.

Tequila is a region, just as is Coguae in France. And there is a town called Tequila, about 35 miles northwest of Guadalajara.

And so Tequila town (pop. 30,000) is another favorite excursion destination from Guadalajara. Several distilleries there offer tours—and free samples.

Before imbibing, you might want to see the scary mural at the Sauza tequila factory.

The mural tells the legend of how tequila was born of a lightning strike; it also shows the awful things that overcome revelers when they drink too much of the fiery brew.

Tequila's basic ingredient is a "honey" extracted from cactus, preferably a cactus called blue agave. It grows horizon-to-horizon, like a blue haze, between Guadalajara and Tequila.

Some honey! Incidentally, Tequila and Thaquepaque may be related. Legend has it that the art of glass-blowing in

Legend has it that the art of glass-blowing in Thaquepaque come about because the region needed a steady supply of bottles for its tequila production. How's that for trickle-down economics?

If you can tear yourself away from Thaquepaque and mariachi melodies, late afternoon is the time to four the old colonial heart of Guadahajara. Starting point is the massive, 17th-century cathedral, the

city's centerpiece. The cathedral, a guide says, took 150 years to build.

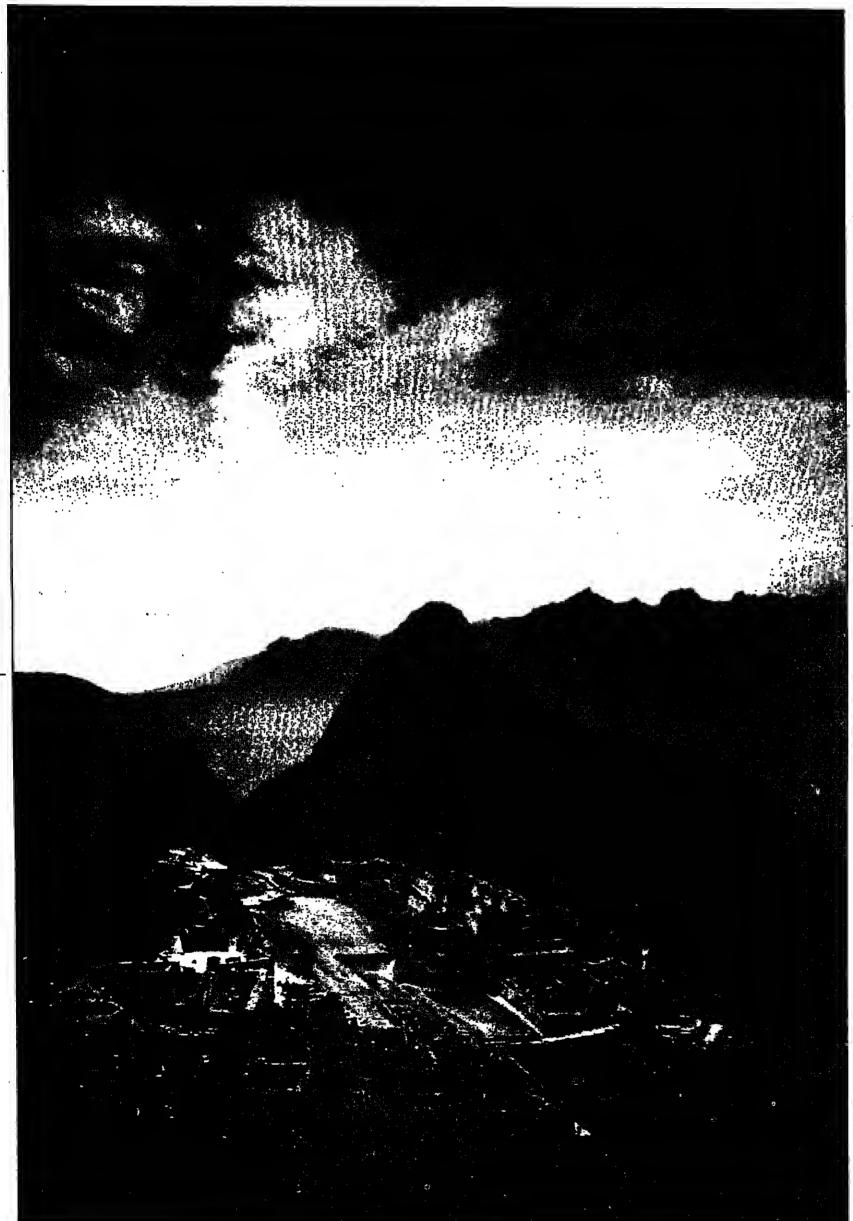
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Machu Picchu Under Repair

The Glory and the Grandeur Succumbing to Tourism



Classic overlook at Machu Picchu: "The most splendid integration of landscape and architecture I have ever seen."

By Galen Rowell

Universal Press Syndicate

erhaps the Incas planned it this way. With each step away from the arid highlands of Peru's Andes into moist, forested Amazonia, a sense of times past, of spirituality, became stronger. On the edge of these two worlds, where lizards bask in the sun and orchids bloom in the jungle, they had perched their sacred town, hidden behind green-clothed monoliths.

As we walked the last downhill mile, the jungle and orchids grew more profuse, the road receded from view, and then we were there, at the classic overlook of the fabled "Lost City of the Incas," Machu Picchu.

Stretched out before us lay the most splendid integration of landscape and architecture I have ever seen. The site had created a bold coherence between the intentional design of a stone city and the natural splendor of sheer rock walls rising out of the jungle.

At that moment the intangible rewards of adventure travel became clearly defined. Virtually every culture breeds pilgrims who voluntarily leave the comforts of their normal routines to experience hardships without hope of material gain. Their intentions and rewards are personal-a heightened sense ofjoy and understanding of a specially chosen destination, nothing more.

But my exultation was tempered by something I'd seen on the approach to the city. At the Sun Gate of Intipunku, a notch floored by a walled plaza, painted white numbers glared from a nearby stone wall. The markings, obviously of this century and not of Inca origin, were vaguely disturbing and puzzling. The solution to this mystery would come later and fill me with dismay.

Machu Picchu is inaccessible by road. Visitors walk in or arrive by narrow-gauge railroad from Cuzco, the old Inca capital. Many young travelers hike the trail on their own, but most hire porters, whether it be one extra person to sbare the weight or many for an organized group, where each trekker's gear is carried and all camps and meals are prepared. Ours, booked months earlier in the United States, was in the latter category-10 travelers plus porters -- and we planned to return by train.

Before setting off on the Inca Trail, we visited Inca ruins at Sacsayhuaman and Pisac and spent a night in Ollantaytambo, populated by Quechua Indians in colorful native dress, in the Urubamba Valley, "the sacred

valley of the Incas." Ollantaytambo, ald the railroad to Machu Picchu, is the clos modern counterpart of a living Inca villa. and most of our porters lived here or neary with their families and herds of llamas.

There are no towns along the Inca Tra today where we might find an echo of the ancient times. The trail, a mosaic of hand carved granite blocks laid down more than 400 years ago, twists 32 miles through jun gle and three mountain passes. It begins at 8,000 feet in the gorge of the Urubamba River and climbs rapidly upward out the moist forest into open grasslands at 13,500 feet at the first pass. From there on, seclude Inca ruins begin to appear in the high cloud forest between the passes.

Campsites are few, so several groups usually end up pitching their tents in close proximity.

On our fourth and final night on the trail, we were awakened by the sounds of whispers outside our tent. I unzipped the door and saw two dark silhouettes within arm's reach.

"Café con leche?" a voice asked. Two of our porters were passing out mugs of coffee mixed with hot milk to wake as before sunrise.

As the eastern sky turned crimson behind icy peaks, the rest of our party emerged from surrounding tents to capture this last dawn before reaching Machin Picchu, where we would spend two nights in a hotel beside the ruins.

On a ridge above camp we were joined hy Francisco, one of our porters, wearing a native Quechua poncho and earflapped woolen cap. The vivid reds in his omate fabrics came alive when first light struck him standing on a ridge in front of the icy pyramid of 20,000-foot Salcantay. While Francisco played his Andean flute in the cloud forest beneath the peaks, I imagined his Inca ancestors standing on that spot. when the trail was the "royal highway" to the sacred town.

Within an hour, breakfast was served on a clothed table. While we are botcakes, bowls of fruit and sipped a final cop of cafe con leche, the crew broke camp and prepared to hit the trail again.

The name of this last campsite is Puyupatamarca, Cloud-level Town, in the Quechua tongue of the ancient Incas and modern Indians. It was coined by Hiram Bingham, an American amateur archaeologist who found the Inca Trail grown over and without modern residents after he visited Machu Picchu in 1911.

Bingham was braving the jungle in search of the lost city of Vilcabamba, the

Inca's legendary last refuge from invading Spaniards. He was led to the partially exposed ruins of Machu Picchu by local peasants who were quite aware of its existence. In fact, 19th century Andean explorer Antonio Raimondi had drawn a map with the words "Machu Picchu" in the correct location.

Whether or not Bingham was the discoverer of Machu Picchu, he was certainly the revealer and popularizer of its existence to the developed world

Only in recent decades has it become clear that Machu Picchu is the finest surviving example of the late imperial Inca style of architecture, as yet untainted by European influences as opposed to it being a town built hastily in an unlikely. well-hidden location by Incas fleeing the Spanish invasion of the

Much of the site's significance is based on its improbably fine construction and endurance over



Orchids in increasing profusion crowd the trail on the final approach to Macku Picchu.

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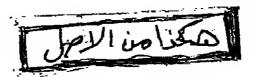
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Smarf newsletter note, silver is one of the most popular souveiers sought by tourists because of its beauty and alloriability.

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A porter, Francisco, in his colorful native Quechua poncho, closely resembles his luca forebears.



the centuries. The Inca stonework took decades to complete with a reverence for precision far beyond that of modern stone masons. Blocks weighing many tons with up to 12 sides have been fitted together without mortar so perfectly that I could rarely fit so much as a knife blade between them.

The walls of Machu Picchu have stood well against the forces of nature, but they are succumbing to the influence of Disneyland. Like the Spaniards on the track of the mythical gold of the Incas, the Peruvian tourist industry is seeking to maximize the extraction of its modern counterpart-foreign currency-from the lost city.

The mystery of the painted numbers on the stones of Intipunku was solved when I came across government workers in the process of rebuilding parts of the ruins. Using mud for mortar, they were fitting together an assemblage of stones beginning at ground level with numbered ones carefully removed from crumbling walls. So far, so good, but the tops were a fabrication of added stones from the surrounding area, completing what the original structure "might" have looked like. A supervisor had a schematic of numbered rocks

as they had been taken down. It ended with the incom-

piere jugged outline of a typical ruin, hur the reconstructed wall concluded with a perfect turner of unnumbered rocks several feet higher than what Bingham had uncovered. Behind that turret was another rebuilt turret, and another, and another.

Their simple life and carefree happiness made me feel lucky to have experienced the Inca Trail before it, too, becomes more contrived for tourism.

The workers were building a virtual Machu Picchu. When I asked the supervisor why, he gestured toward hundreds of people coming into the ruins who had just arrived on the morning train and replied. "Turismo."

The Peruvian government, its economy still reeling from civil unrest, is mimicking the success of orderly American theme parks and reforging Machu

Picchu into a caricature of its former glory.

When it came time to leave, I felt I'd had too much of hotels and crowds, but not enough of the Inca Trail. After learning that our train would not depart from Machu Picchu until 3 p.m. the next day, I decided to start out at dawn and run the trail in reverse. Being an experienced mountain runner, I was confident I could complete the 32 miles and 9.000 feet of elevation gain, but less sure about reaching the train on time.

As I ran past the far smaller, but unretouched Inca ruins that rise out of the jungle beside the Inca Trail. they took on a new significance. Like photographs in a scrapbook, they represented visions out of the past that could be trusted. Machu Picchu, however, is becoming more like one of those digitally manipulated advertising images in which every reality is suspect.

On an misty moming. I reached the railroad with hours to spare. A Quechua family invited me into their hut for a cup of tea and a bowl of fruit. Their simple life and carefree happiness made me feel lucky to have experienced the Inca Trail before it, too, becomes more contrived for tourism.

Galen Rowell is a photojournalist whose work appears frequently in Life and National Geographic



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Defore setting out, we'd been concerned about guerrilla terrorism of the leader of the Shining Path in 1992. But we weren't satisfied until a returning wilderness guide reported that the level of personal safety seemed similar to that in Nepal or India, where we had trekked many times without problems.

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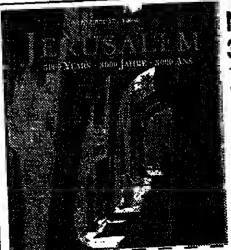
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By Ron Butler

uch of Mexico's tourism appeal is its fabulous shopping-colorful ceramics, baskets, serapes, folk art, fine art, carvings, onware, textiles, leather goods, andques, glasswork, pottery.

But what dazzles visitors most is Mexico's superb silverwork. Reflecting the light of centuries. Mexico's silver jewelry and decorative arts are honed and polished with an infusion of rich and diverse cultures. Ancient Mayan monkey figures dance in lilting symmetry across the broad band of one bracelet, while another shows the influence of classical Spain. A necklace of large silver beads is stunning in its modern day simplicity. A gleaming table piece shaped in the head of a Toltec warrior, a vase styled

in slender elegance. Mexico is the world's leading producer of silver. mining over one-half of the world's supply. The early Aztecs of central Mexico and the Azpotec and Mixtec people of Oaxaca considered silver more precious than gold. It was harder to extract and more difficult to work. The Aztecs, never at a loss for descriptive phrases, described silver as itzacteocuitatl, excrement

Mexico's early Indian craftsmen produced exquisitely detailed works of art by using the lost-wax method: a thin coating of wax is poured over a mold, etched and detailed with a stylus and then burned away with the molten metal that forms the final object.

Rich silver mines opened the interior of Mexico to Spanish colonization. In some places, the Spanish shoed their horses with silver because it was more plentiful than iron which had to be shipped from Spain. A caballero's status was measured by the amount of silver he lavished on his horse-saddle decorations, bridal, bit and stirrup. And on himself-

hatband, buckle, spurs and buttons. In its heyday, Guanajuato (birthplace of Diego Rivera), about five hours north of Mexico City, was one of the great mining centers of the world. For centuries the export of silver dominated the Mexican economy.

Taxco, about a third of the way between Mexico City and Acapulco, today forms the epicenter of the nation's silver production. Although its mines have long been depleted, the town's 12,000 residents are almost all involved in one way or another with the crafting, sale and distribution of silver. Tourism provides the customers who come in droves to the picture-pretty mountain town. Taxco clings to the Sierra Madre hillsides in a network of narrow, cobbled streets lined with white stuccoed houses with red-tiled roofs. Tropical flowers tumble in clusters from balconies and across shaded walkways.

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The center of town is the magnificent church of Santa Prisca, a Baroque sanctuary whose alters are ablaze with carved and gilded decoration. It was financed in the 18th century by silver baron Jose de la Borda in thanks for the untold millions of pesos that poured out of the Taxco-area mines, making him one of the wealthiest men of his day.

lt was an American entrepreneur, William Spratting (a former Tulane University professor), who began the town's silver workshops in the early part of the century. He hired local youths, taught them silversmithing and was among the first to integrate pre-Columbian designs into modern jewelry. Today, dozens of these shops are still open and it is here that skilled artisans, many whose fathers began as barefoot apprendees to Don Guillermo, as Spratling came to be known, cart some of the most beautiful silver pieces in the world. Spratling's former home, just behind the Santa Prisca, is now a museum. Its displays tell the story of the silver industry in Taxco and contains dozens of prized pieces.

Taxco has more than 200 silver shops. Most of the better ones are clustered around the zocalo, or main plaza, and on Avenida Kennedy which runs thought he center of town. Antonio Pineda (Plaza Borda) and Los Castillo (Plazuela Bernal 10) are considered by many to be the best. La Mina, a silver shop located in a former silver mine, is certainly the most unique.

Taxco holds an annual silver fair, usually during the last week in November or the first week in December, with prizes going to the best silversmiths who come from far and wide to show their wares. Accompanying cultural events include performances by popular radio and televisioo stars, good food, music and fireworks. With its historic church, flowering plazas and picturesque buildiogs, Taxco was declared a national colonial landmark in 1928, sealing the characteristic appeal of the city that remains unchanged to this day.

Zacatecas in north-central Mexico, capital of the state of the same name, was another major silver producer. In the 1540s, it was the second largest city in New Spain, with more than 50 silver mines operating. When not enough Indians could be forcibly recruited to work the mines. African slaves were imported,

Mining still shapes the character of the city. Mining car tours deep into the El Eden Mine, once one of the richest in Mexico, are popular, as is "El Malacate," a discotheque located 700 feet underground, and yet still noisy beyond all comprehension,

The Centro Platero de Zacatecas is a local silver center and school housed in a 300-year-old Spanish



colonial building where students from all over the country come to learn the principles of silver production, design and craftsmanship. The center plans to establish more than 200 classrooms by the year 2000. providing training and jobs for 1.000 or more silversmiths and apprentices. Cosmopolitan Mexico City is also a major marketplace for top quality silver. Tan (Amberes 70), in the

trendy Zona Rosa, is considered the Tiffany's of Mexico. Customers are greeted at the door with a red camation and a bag of chocolates wrapped in silver foil. It's the place to go for the finest in flatware, candiesticks, bowls, picture frames and jewelry, all a prices to match the store's and the neighborhood's snobbish appeal. Other outstanding jewelry shops in: the Zona Rosa are Los Castillo (Amberes 41), Joyas de Plata (Copenhague 31). Paul Flato (Amberes 21) and Kimberly (Niza and Hamburgo).

Madero, a colonial street with shade trees, benches and graceful lamp posts in the old part of Mexico ... City, near the Zocalo, used to be kinown as the "Street of Silversmiths." Many of the old shops remain and others can be found along the adjoining pedestrian malls, but the area lacks the cachet of today's more fashionable Paseo de la Reforma and the Zona Rosa. Most of the shops along the Street of Silversmiths now offer competitive prices and the owners are opento discrect bargaining.

Not for sale in most jewelry shops, but much in vogue by collectors are "milagros," small, delicate silver pieces shaped like a heart, hand, arm, leg, kidney or some other afflicted part of the human body. The pious attach them to the robes or skirts of religious statues in church in hopes of divine intervention, a cure. Milagros are often sold outside of churches. They can also be found in flea markets and antique shops.

When buying silver in Mexico, whether a simple pair of earrings or a large dinner platter, louk for the

"sterling" or ".925" stamp required by law. Government regulations are rigid:

Sterling must contain .925 parts or more of pure silver and .075 or less of alloy (usually copper in Mexico), to give it strength, expensive collector pieces may comain additional hallmarks as well, a Mexican eagle or the name and stamp of the silversunth. Always shop at reputable stores and avoid street and dockside peddlers miess you're in the market for low-priced jank jewelry that looks pretty but in time may turn your wrist, fingers or earlobes, the color of bright, fresh limes.

Unlike the products of England, Denmark and Sweden, the bulk of Mexican silverwork is handmade and hand-polished. Occasional flaws and striations only add to its luster.

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If You Go

selling silver are known as plateries in Madicia fewelry stores are joyerlas. Bagailing is expected in markets and shopping stalls where prices aren't posted, but never bar-galls in the source; levelry stope and only ever-so discreetists those less factionable.

Tana, Maxico's leading sliversmiths, has wal locations in Mexico City, including Antières 70, fir the Zona Rosa, and Edgar Pro 68, in Polenco. Retail ortlets can also be found in some of the more opscale inhele such as the Camino Real.



Silver is plentiful in Mexico and the affordable jewelry is what often keeps tourists coming back for more.

Guadalajara From page 1

ranging from Renaissance to Gothic to Baroque and Byzantine, it still isn't finished. But somehow the hodgepodge of domes and spires works with a kind of

four-part harmony.

Perhaps it is the cathedral's placement by the impressive Plaza de Armas, with its ornate, wrought-

iron bandstand, that pleases the eye. Children chase pigeons across the plaza. Old men doze on benches. Church bells ring.

An ornate shop sign welcomes visitors to Tlaquepaque, Guadalajara's fashionable shopping district.

You're all set to take a photograph when a Guadalajara prankster walks up, grins and says. "Say

"How's my English, not so had?" he asks. Across the street, in the Palacio de Gobierno, is another must-see attraction—the powerful and angry murals of the late Jose Clemente Orozco that depict Mexico's turbulent history.

Climb the steps (there is no admission fee) and your are enveloped by Orozco's scenes on ceiling

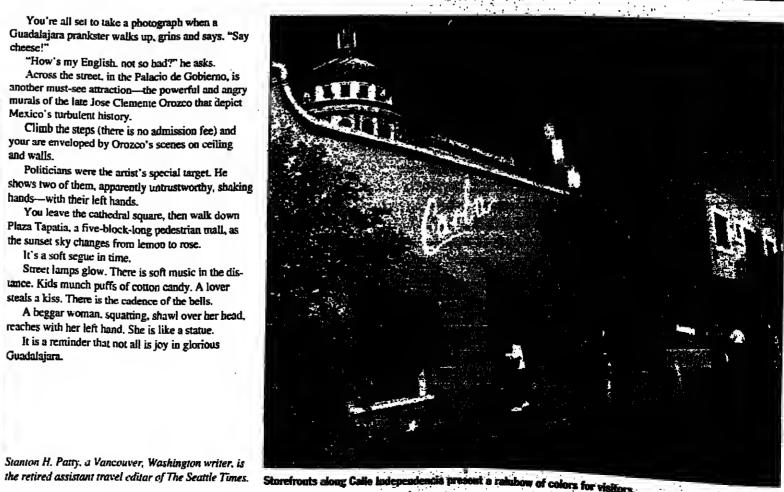
Politicians were the artist's special target. He shows two of them, apparently untrustworthy, shaking hands-with their left hands.

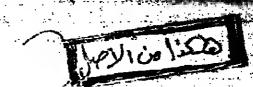
You leave the cathedral square, then walk down Plaza Tapatia, a five-block-long pedestrian mall, as the sunset sky changes from lemon to rose.

It's a soft segue in time. Street lamps glow. There is soft music in the disrance. Kids munch puffs of cotton candy. A lover steals a kiss. There is the cadence of the bells.

A beggar woman, squatting, shawl over her head, reaches with her left hand. She is like a statue. It is a reminder that not all is joy in glorious

Stanton H. Patty, a Vancouver, Washington writer, is





Friday night dinner tips

DEAR RUTHIE RUTHIE BLUM



er of six kids ranging in age from one to 10. One of my frustrations as a mother is not being

able to enjoy Friday night dinner. My children are always making noise and fighting at the meal. Can you give me some suggestions to improve the atmosphere of my

Frustrated Girl Friday Somewhere in the US

Dear FGF. Given your children's ages, as well as their "strength in numbers," it's a wonder you manage to have orga-nized meals at all. High chairs, terrible twos and sibling rivalry - especially in the evening - are not a great recipe for peaceful coexistence.

among family members. Just getting through the day with some semblance of sanity is an accomplishment most mothers should land. Instead, "just getting through the day" in the language of Motherhood usually translates as

But your family meals are not a failure. They are just an example of Reality slapping Fantasy in the face. Altering the fantasy by lowering high expectations can do wonders to "improve" dinner-table atmosphere. If you feel less pressure to create harmony out of chaos, you will project a calm which can be contagious ... at least for a few minutes at a time. If not, you may have no choice but to wait until the kids are older before being able to enjoy these dinners. As long as you don't have a picture of the Brady Bunch too firmly implanted in your imagination.

Dear Ruthie,

My mother-in-law lives in the "granny flat" which we purchased and renovated just below us. She is a wonderful woman, and we all love her dearly, but one problem has arisen since she moved in.

My children, aged three and seven, are never in bed at their usual bedtime anymore. Before their grandmother lived downstairs, they

were both sound asleep by 7:30. Now, their schedule includes running down to say good night, drinking cocoa, hearing an extra bedtime story, etc., well after they should be finished with all of these preparations. I don't want to break their hearts by putting a stop to the fun they're having, but I am beat at the end of the day, and miss having total peace and quiet by 7:30. What can I

Plum Tuckered Parens Somewhere in Israel Dear PTP

Perhaps the novelty of having a built-in granny at their disposal will soon wear off, and your kids will return to their former schedule. However, even if the "good ol" days" are over, you need not despair.
Firstly, as children grow older, their "zero hour" inevitably gets pushed ahead anyway. Secondly, the circumstances of your own life are altered now that your mother-in-law

has become a daily fixture. While the downside may be your children's later bedtime, the upside is the availability of assistance with the kids during the rest of the day. This assistance may cause you to feel less "tuckered" by sundown, thereby eliminating the problem.

Why are service people so rude to tourists in Israel? My wife and I have just returned home after a twoweek tow, dismayed by the attitude of waiters, hotel clerks and other people whose job it is to serve. How can they be educated to know that the "customer is always right"? Ticked Off Tourists Bosion, Mass.

Dear TOT, Though there's no excuse for rude behavior, Israelis tend to respond badly to imperious manners. Just as you perceive certain anitudes to be impolite, your own may have been interpreted as "condescending" and "bossy." Perhaps we could all do with a little educating.

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TV violence: It's all in the ratings

ADEENA SUSSMAN

nstead of the opening credits to their favorite programs, the first thing American television viewers may see as of February 1997 could look something like this:

The following episode of NYPD Blue is rated 3 for mild sexuality, 4 for stroog language, 4 for excessive violence and 3 for adult viewing only."

What's more, beginning next year every new television set sold in the US will be equipped with a tioy device called a v-chip, which will encode all programming based on its content and allow parents to supervise family viewing choices by blocking shows deemed unfil.

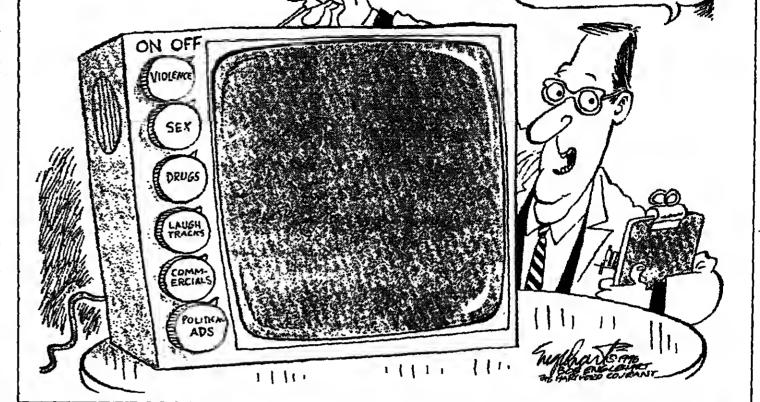
Parents will program a fourdigit "tolerance code" for programming into their v-cbip-outfitted set, establishing the level of sexually explicit and violent programming acceptable for their home. At the same time, networks will encode all programs, automatically blocking any programs oot meeting a home's customized standards.

The ratings system, to be developed by all four of the major US TV networks, and the mandatory v-chip, are two facets of the sweeping Telecommunications Reform Act signed into law by US President Bill Clinton on February 8.

The new law deal with other issues more important to the business of TV, such as cable regulations and station relicensing. But the v-chip and the program ratings which grew out of it will most directly affect the viewing habits of a nation whose citizen may watch as much as eight bours of

Proponents of the new legislation, including right-wing religious groups, deem the v-chip and television ratings important tools for any responsible family. They insist that parents need help in monitoring the massive amounts of programming available.

OPPONENTS OF the system object to what they perceive as infringement of the TV industry's - and ultimately the viewers' freedom of expression and freedom of the press. The American



Civil Liberties Union has filed a suit against the act claiming that free speech is in perilous danger of coming under the control of regulatory bodies. Others argued that the technology allows parents to take an even less active role than they do now in their childrens' viewing choices, leaving decision making to the v-chip.

The growing debate over the increasingly violent and sexual content of prime-time programs, and the pressure from critics of that very content, contributed to the new law, which was initially proposed by a Democratic mem-ber of the House of Representatives but was later embraced by Republicans as an attractive addition to conservative Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich's "Contract with

and Medicare

The "Big Four" networks - ABC, CBS, Fox and NBC - were initially adamant in their opposition to the v-chip, but reversed their decision in what Broadcasting and Cable magazine called "Elegant Surrender" The Shortest Engagement Since the Six Day War."

It is generally accepted by industry professionals that the networks capitulated once they realized that resisting the ratings system was a losing proposition, and that anu-v-chip sentiment would affect their chances later on of receiving important discounts and concessions in their quest for fully digital broadcasting systems, hailed as the next generation in television technology.

The networks have promised to come up with a self-imposed ralings system within a year, preferring self-regulation to the alternative of an FCC-appointed com-

Rupert Murdoch, chairman of the News Corporation's Fox neiwork, was the first network head to announce that it would create and a content-ratings system. Fox broacasts shows like Metrase Place and Married With Children and is often criticized for its 'trashy" content.

THE OTHER three networks initially balked at the ratings idea, but with Fox blazing the trail for voluntary censorship, they quick-ly followed suit. The networks agreed to form a joint committee to come up with a coherent policy within the allotted time.

The committee will be chaired by Motion Picture Association of America head Jack Valenti, who introduce ratings for feature films in the US. The smaller networks, Warner and UPN, may just follow the lead of the other four. Continuing their turnaround, certain networks even began touting the wholesomeness of their shows. In introducing tentative future programming schedules. CBS network executives labeled their new program schedule "vchip friendly.

WE'RE DEVELOPING

MORE CHIPS!

Canada has already begun testing the v-chip, installing the experimental technology in 130 homes throughout the country. Shows are rated in four categories: for which audience a show is appropriate, and the levels of sexuality, violence and language. Two US stations, WUTV in Buffalo, New York, and WVES-TV in Bellingham, Washington, volunteered to participate in the Canadian v-chip tests.

But since the new law stipulates that the v-chip be installed only in new sets, it's going to take a long time for the technology and ratings system to have much of an impact on American viewers' enormous apenite for programming.

Watchmaker, watchmaker, make me a watch

America." The law was held up in

Congress for months in 1995

while Republicans and Democrats

wrangled over issues like welfare

THAT Paris is to haute cou-ture, and Milan is to exclusive sports cars, Geneva is to luxury wristwatches.

Just as the Swiss city is physically situated on an east-west line between Paris and Milan, top-quality watches occupy a midpoint between fashion and engineering.

Like Geneva itself, watches are a relatively low-key, modest symbol of wealth and taste, albeit one that is unmistakable to the trained eye. The modestly mid-rise, predominantly French-speaking metropolis of fewer than 200,000 residents (a third of them foreigners, courtesy of international agencies and diplomatic missions, as well as economic migration from Europe, Asia and Africa) doesn't try to compete physically with the natural glories of the surrounding snow-topped Alpine peaks. Rather it seems to take its cue from placid Lake Geneva, whose slight ripples on a recent spring day weren't even enough to set the halyards of the hundreds of mooted sailboats clanging against their metal masts.

It's hard to escape from the city's timekeeping legacy, as the names of dozens of local manufacturers are proclaimed (quietly, this is Switzerland) from the rooftops. A quick scan of the lakeside 19th-century skyline takes in Patek Philippe, Rolex, Chopard, Breitling, Raymond Weil, Tissot, Piaget, Franck Muller, Gubelin, Baume and Mercier and Piages among the names of banks, airlines and home-

electronics giants. The lake which so defines the city is also the focus of the second-most charged political issue facing Geneva today. On June 9 a referendum will be held on whether to

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build an automotive crossing bridge or tunnel - from one side to the other as a means of alleviating considerable, if early silent, downtown traffic congestion. The wheels of direct democracy grind exceeding slowly - an earlier referendum failed to resolve the issue and a new left-leaning municipal government opposes a crossing near the center of town. One middle-aged resident, who favors the more expensive tunnel approach, commented wearily that the issue has been around as long as she can remember.

The Swiss do seem to get more worked up over transportation issues than most people. The question of joining the European Union often seems to hinge on whether doing so will allow other country's heavy trucks to pass through Switzerland's narrow mountain

And the most emotional issue for the citizens of Geneva these days is the decision in April by Swissair to shift all but two of 15 international flights from their city's airport to Zurich. While the national carrier defends its controversial decision as a strictly business move, many Genevans remain convinced that it's a jab by Swissair's predominantly German-speaking management at

the French-speaking city.
Regardless of the motivation, Swissair's decision is setting off alarm bells about Geneva's continuing economic doldrums. Wages have remained stagnant for several years but prices of the basics are so high, that even the very well-off drive to nearby France to buy groceries. One watch-company executive admitted that she goes to France to buy her husband's favorite fish at a third the local price. Take a walk



One of Geneva's high-end watchmakers, Chopard, is still a familyowned and -run operation.

through a downtown market and it's easy to see why. Chicken was priced at Sfr1.2 (NIS 3) per 100 grams while the local springtime speciality of white asparagus was marked down from \$fr12.50 (NIS 37.51 a bunch to a mere Sfr 7.80. Little wonder that local merchants lose an estimated Sfr2 billion a year to their

competitors across the border. Luckily for Geneva's most exclusive watchmakers, local wallets are not a concern. Their biggest markets are predominantly in East Asia, followed by the Middle East, Europe and the United States.

A RECENT visit to factories of two

the companies and their Israeli agent JB Jewelers, which has shops in Tel Aviv's Gan Ha'ir shopping center and on Jaffa Road in Jerusalem helped explain why the rock-bottom models start at NIS 3,000 (Chopard) and certain one-off watches can cost up to NIS 9 million (Piaget).

Despite differences in style and corporate structure, both factories feel more like ateliers, where craftsmen sit silently at immaculate workbenches with a concentration and level of skill that would never be demanded of any assembly-line worker. The watchmakers at both even make their own tools. Both are completely integrated operations, making their own products from components to bracelets.

Chopard is still a family-owned and -run operation, although the last survivor of the original Chopards who in 1860 started making pocketwatches for the Swiss railways - sold the name in 1960 to the Scheufele family of jewelers, originally from Germany.

The Scheufele clan - father Karl, mother Karin, son Karl-Freidrich, and daughter Caroline - run the company themselves from their modern, airy offices-cum-factory in an industrial zone in Geneva. Jackets-off executives and workers in blue lab coats work in close prox-

Their designs, overseen by Karin, run in three main directions: sleekly classic, chunkier sports chronograph and jewel-encrusted. One of the laiter's flagship lines is Happy Diamonds, a name which rings of those nonsense English phrases of which the Japanese are so fond. The Happy Diamond gimmick - not a word that would likely pass the lips within the watchface. The line ranges from merely ostentatious to sunningly kitschy.

Even models sans gems and with leather rather than gold bands can be breathtakingly expensive. In one room, a finished product displaying the phases of the moon - elegant to the point of beauty - sits in an open box with the price-tag of \$826,000 casually attached.

When it comes to working with family, "discussions can get very hot," says Karin. "But I think emotion brings creativity."

THERE is still a Piaget - Yves, the president - at Piaget, but the company itself, founded in 1874, was sold to the Geneva-based Vendome Group in 1989. The reasons suggest the weaknesses that may plague a strictly family operation such as

Chopard. "It had become too diverse, and despite disagreements they tried to please everyone," notes one of the company's area managers. "They needed discipline; this price for this line. Otherwise they were in danger of becoming haute couture, which

doesn't make money."

Piaget has a more defined style, one marked by "the integration of case and bracelet; the harmony," as one Piaget execuove describes it. In the '70s, when some luxury watchmakers responded to the worldwide recession by mixing gold and steel in their products, Piaget stuck to its guns and to this day will mix gold only with platinum.

The aristocratic-looking, sleekly barbered Yves Piaget is the living symbol of continuity within the company, and insists that he considers himself a representative of the artisans. Yet to hear him talk in what

of the top high-end manufacturers of a Scheufele - is the inclusion of feels more like an audience rather Chopard and Piagel - sponsored by seven complete, moving diamonds than an interview, however, it's clear that he prefers socializing with the leaders of Third World countries than with artisans. He refers often to his friendship with the late, longtime president of Ivory Coast Houphouet-Boigny, and hints at his own role in the rapprochement between black African nations and Israc L

> Piaget's watchmaking factory looking more like a ski chalet than a modern industrial operation - is nes-tled in the village of La Cote Aux Fees, 1,000m. up and a nearly twohour drive from Geneva. The craftsmanship here is "in the spirit of the Middle Ages," says the personnel manager proudly.
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> The watchmakers turn out only

two watches a day each, supplying the roughly 20,000 pieces Piaget produces every year. The employees here do handwork that neither makes any functional difference nor is seen by the wearer. But then, if someone wants to spend \$1 m. on a wristwatch, Piaget is there to provide a omepiece that justifies such a price tag. And customers can wait for up to a year for certain models.

Whereas the watches themselves are imbued with solid values of craftsmanship, pride and tradition, to own one only takes money. Hung on a wall in an office at the Chopard operation are two framed collages comprised of magazine cut-outs of people wearing the company's

Along with the usual, perpetually tanned, celebrities such as Julio Iglesias and Princess Caroline of Monaco are other good customers Imelda Marcos and Baby Doc Duvalier. "We don't ask who they are," says a Chopard executive with a wink. "If they have the money,

they buy."

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In an announcement to the Tel

Aviv Stock Exchange, YLR said

the companies plan to give a com-

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point, to calculate the effect of the

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A delegation of Prudential

Securities senior managers - including Vincent Pica, president

of the capital finance group - will

Finance Minister Avraham Shohat

and leaders of the business com-

The Prudential group manages financial assets of more than

It also currently manages more than two million customer accounts and [0] mutual funds,

The group's turnover last year was \$43.6b., more than half of

which was derived from financial

activities in the investment bank-

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ber of the IDB group, completed

last year with a rise in net profits

to NIS 145 million from NIS

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doubled to NIS 38m. from NIS

20m., while net return on equity

on an annual basis rose to 10%

The company's accumulated sales turnover of the industrial

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increased to \$3.1m. from \$2.5m.

while overseas market sales rose

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of the companies included in the

group reported a rise in earnings -

with the exception of Scitex,

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of US insurance giant Prudential,

has signed a representation and

alliance agreement with YLR

Capital Markets, the investment bank of the IDB group and Israel

Corp.
Oudi Recanati, chairman of the

board of YLR, said Prudential's

arrival here reflects a recognition

of large-scale financial foreign

investors' growing interest in the

Over the past year, several US

investment banks - including

Citibank, Lehman Brothers and

Alex Brown - have established

representation offices here or

announced similar representative

alliance agreements with Israeli

companies.
Prudential Securities is among

the five largest investment banks

The bank, with 300 offices, has a presence in 18 countries, employing 18.000 workers -

including 6.000 financial consul-

The company specializes in small firms with a high growth

potential, as well as medium-

billion through public and private

HIGH tech entrepreneur Davidi

Gilo has asked to meet with John

Georges, a non-management

Scitex director, to discuss his new

Gilo said he has asked to meet

with Georges in reaction to the

decision of Scitex's major share-

holders to reject his proposal on

the grounds that it does not serve

Earlier this week, Scitex

appointed Georges to undertake

an overall examination of the

Georges is a director in the com-

He is also formerly chairman

and chief executive officer of the

International Paper Company -

the shareholders' interest.

company's operations.

pany since 1992.

ny, this time at \$25 per share.

Last year the bank raised \$35

in North America.

"This is a very good law," said Dan Tichon (Likud), who heads the opposition in the Finance Committee. "It is one of the most revolutionary laws ever passed... It's the first time this government has tried to change something structural in the economy."

Finance Committee chairman Gedalya Gal (Labor) also stressed the importance of the law. Far 100 much of the Israeli economy is concentrated in a few hands, and this endangers the economy's

functioning, he said.

Thus the current law is aimed at reducing the concentration of real assets in the banks' hands, since they are a major part of the prob-

The law states that banks can invest no more than 25% of their

Survey: No competition among banks

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

MOST people do not think there is real compection in the banking sector and that the supervision of the banks does not protect the interests of the public against the according to Geocartography survey.

The survey, conducted on behalf of the Israel Consumer Council one month ago, included more than 500 people.

Of those surveyed, 74 percent said they do not think there is real

competition in the banking sector. They said it is very difficult for a customer to transfer an account from one bank to another and that all the banks are the same. Of those who said supervision

of the banks does not protect the interests of customers, 38% said the method of supervision totally ignores their interests and 34% said the method gives them a small amount of protection.

Nine percent said their interests are protected, while the remaining 19% said they do not know if the system protects customers.

Based on the survey, 34% of the public does not believe banks calculate interest and commission fees according to banking laws, another 39% say they trust the banks part of the time, and 19% said they have complete faith in the banks' calculations. Eight percent said they do not know.

Of those who said felt they could trust the banks, 23% were women and 15% were men. This sentiment also was particularly strong among those with low

\$35 m.; and Cellcom, which regis

Discount Investment's share in

the losses of these companies was

NIS 26m. Management blamed

Cellcom's losses on setting-up

costs, infrastructure development

and marketing efforts. At the end

of 1995, the firm had 280,000

In the last five years the company has invested NIS 570m. in 22

companies and new areas of activ-

the communications and electron-

These include 17 companies in

tered a nei loss of \$171m.

subscribers.

nies in 1995.

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

Accountant General

Bids are invited for the supply of office furniture for government

Last date for submitting bids: Tuesday, June 11, 1996 (12 noon).

The Accountant General's Office, Room 714 or 715, Min. of Finance

Bid forms are available from the Tenders and Buying Department,

Additional details can be obtained from 02-517418, 02-317428.

No undertaking is given to accept the lowest or any bid.

Discount Inv. reports

rise in annual net profits

COMPANY RESULTS

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capital in non-bank companies. Of this, 5% can only be in companies that do not operate in Israel, and another 5% can only be in companies of which the bank owns less

The remaining 15% can be invested freely, within the other limits set by the law.

However, shares in non-banking companies which are held by mutual funds controlled by the banks do not count in calculating the above limits. At the banks request, the Finance Committee also excluded underwriting firms from these limits.

The banks will have six years in which to divest themselves of real assets over and above the permitted limit. According to the law. banks will have to reduce their real assets to 20% of their equity by 2000, to 18% by 2001, and to 16% by 2002.

The law also states that no bank

holding company. A major holding company is defined as one whose equity is greater than NIS 1.25 hillion, and which has hold-ings worth more than NIS 12.5 million in at least three different sectors of the ecocomy.

This section of the bill means that Bank Hapoalim will have to sell its controlling stake in either Koor or Clal.

The original bill also included a number of provisions not directly related to the Brodet report, but these were dropped by the committee due to lack of time.

The most important of these was a clause which would have forbidden banks to hold less than a controlling stake in any other bank or financial institution, such as a mutual fund, provident fund or portfolio management company. If the government considers these clauses important, it can reintroduce them next Knesset,

Hovev based Metal Technology company share in the establishment of a refinery on a gas and oil field in the northwest part of Kazakhistan. The total project is estimated at \$45m., of which Metal Technology has agreed to finance \$15m. The other partners in the project include Canadian suppliers financed by EDC and Czech investors financed by the Dutch ING. Galit Lipkis Beck Committee makes debt arrangement easier for kibbutzim

BUSINESS BRIEFS

238 of 310 mutual funds achieve positive real yields in April:

More than two-thirds of the mutual funds achieved positive real

yields in April, reflecting the recovery of the market compared with the previous month, Meitav said yesterday. The firm said that 238 of the 310 funds which invested in the capital market last month achieved a real positive yield of more than 1.2%, the forecasted rise

Bank Hapoalim has signed a \$12.75 million long-term loan agree-

ment with the Kazakhstan-based Exim Bank, a government-owned

bank. Hapoalim said the financing will be covered by the Israel

Foreign Trade Risks Insurance Company and the Kazakhistan gov-emment. The agreement is intended to finance part of the Ramat

EVELYN GORDON

THE Knesset Finance Committee yesterday approved a number of changes to the kibbutz debt arrangement which will make the deal easier on the kibbutzim.

in the Consumer Price Index.

These changes were part of the agreement as actually signed by the kibbntzim in March, hut because they deviate from the agreement as approved by the committee last September, they require the committee's approval.

However, Finance Minister Avraham Shohat told the committee that he does not expect the changes to increase the cost of the agreement to the government, which was originally budgeted at NIS 3.3 billion.

One major change in the agreement is that aid to kibbutzim in particularly bad financial shape will not be conditioned on their undergoing a recovery plan, as it was originally supposed to be.
However, the government's share in these kibbutzim's debt

write-offs will be decreased from 35% to 25%, saving the state NIS

Another change is in the incentives given kibbutzim who pay their share of their debts on time. Originally, kibbutzim who paid on time for the next three years were supposed to enjoy a debt write-off at the end of this period, with the total money allocated for this purpose being NIS 500m.

To make it easier on the kibbutzim, however, the write-off. will be given immediately, but the debt will be reinstated afterwards for any kibbutz which does not meet its payments. In addition, the amount of money being allocated for these incentive write-offs was increased to NIS 750m., of which the government's share will be NIS 87.5m. Finally, 60% of the incentive changes]."

debt arrangement before they receive government aid as part of the new arrangement, since they are not financially capable of

of the arrangement.

write-off will be given retroac-

tively for kibbutzim which have

paid on time in the past as well, to

reward them for their good behav-

This change was suggested by the banks, which are funding 65%

The third change is that the kib-

butzim will no longer be required

to make the "mutual aid" pay-ments required by the first kibbutz

Thursday, May 2, 1996

However, the government had never counted on this money to finance the deal, so the change has no impact on the arrangement's

All the changes passed the committee easily, with Dan Tichon (Likud), the sole opposition MK present, casting the only "no"

"Once again, there is no recovery plan, and when there is no recovery plan the money doesn't help," he explained. "In another two years, they'll come back to the Finance Committee with yet another arrangement."

MK Elie Goldschmidt (Labor).

however, said the changes were necessary to enable the plan to work. If the kibbutzim had to wait three years for the incentive payments, for instance, some of them might not survive, he said.

the mutual aid payments from the first arrangement "If they were canable of raising this sum now, the new arrangement wouldn't be needed," he said. "And from the point of view of the budget, there is no change. The taxpayer won't pay more [because of these

ing the year with three monthly budget deficits, the government

spent NIS 400m. less than it

Treasury officials expressed

earned in April.

A man bolds a banner reading "bands given, fists clenched" during a demonstration yesterday of workers at the troubled German shipyard Bremer Vulkan, members of German union IG Metall and residents of Bremen. The Bremen District Court opened bankruptcy proceedings yesterday for Bremer Vulkan, Germany's largest shipbuilder, after management failed to reach an agreement with creditors.

Tax revenue in '96 to rise 7%, hit NIS 100b.' Government ends April with NIS 400 million surplus

THE government's internal revenues for the current fiscal year are forecast to rise seven percent in real terms to NIS 99.2 billion, the Treasury's State Revenue Administration wrote in its annual

report released yesterday. The report explained its forecast as an outcome of the economy's anticipated continued growth, the progressiveness of the tax system, and "to a certain extent" an expan-

sion of tax rates. Overall, an additional NIS 150 million is expected to be collected this year as a result of new and amended legislation.

Property and income taxes will be slashed this year by NIS 750m., while consumption taxes are planned to expand by an aggregate NIS 900m.

Cumulative nel taxes have declined by an aggregate NIS 4.9m. between 1993 and 1995, the Treasury said. Planned tax breaks of all sorts

for this fiscal year will total NIS 12.3h., or 12% of the government's internal revenue. Of this, some NIS 6.1b, are incentives to

Jerusalem Post Staff adult is untaxable, since he or she

the capital markets. Total direct taxation grew last year to 51% from 50% the previous year, due to the new healthcare payment system, which was transformed into, and became officially defined as, a universal

The Treasury said it expects the overall direct tax burden to decline to 50% during fiscal year

As a share of gross domestic product, the overall tax burden rose last year by half a percentage point to 40.5%. The previous year's calculations were the last ones which did not include the healthcare tax.

According to the Treasury's studies, Israel's average rate of direct taxation - 18% - is lower than its level in such countries as the US, France, and Denmark, while Israel's indirect taxes, 21% in all, are higher than those in most Western countries.

The report also indicated that nearly every second single Israeli

does not meet the minimum levels of taxable income. Average monthly income for wage earners last year was NIS 4,000, while the average self-employed Israeli earned NIS 8,600.

Meanwhile, the Treasury also

confidence that April's surplus is an indication that the government still stands a good chance of meeting its declared target of an annual budget deficit equaling 2.5% of reported yesterday that after start-GDP.

CORRECTION

Yellow Pages managing director is Jules Polak, and not as erroneously written here yesterday. We apologize.

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The company has invested more than NIS 200m. in new businesses and affiliated compa-

ORMAT Industries, a Yavne-based alternative energy systems manufacturer and exporter, yesterday announced plans to build a power station in the Philippines.

lishment of a 50-megawatt geothermal power plant in the Philippines.

electricity to the Philippine oil company PNOC-EDC. The investment will allow Ormat to expand its enterprise and increase profits, directorgeneral Yehuda Bronicki said.

Annual net profits were NIS 2m., compared to losses of NIS 7.4m. in

Ormat Industries to build power plant in Philippines

JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

In a move designed to propel the 30-year-old firm into the interna-oonal marketplace, Ormat said it will invest \$17 million in the estab-

Ormat also announced it has received a 10-year contract to supply

1994. Ormat's sales rose 42% to NIS 416.5m. from NIS 293.4m.

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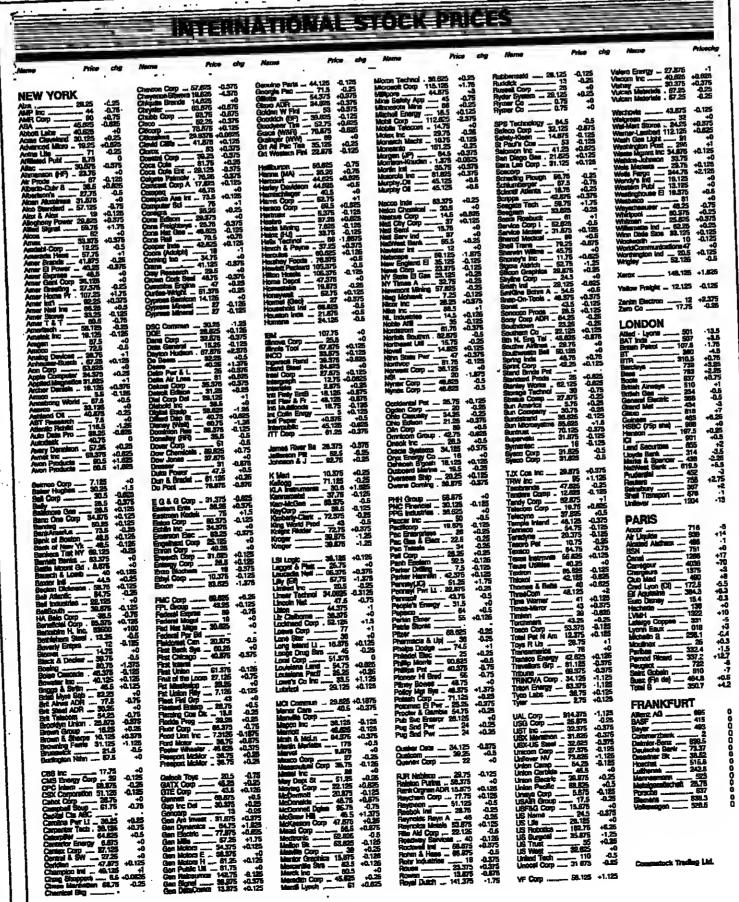
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Shares little changed in quiet trading

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

ROBERT DANIEL





STOCKS were little changed yesterday, with Tadiran rising for a third session after its telecommunications subsidiary received a government contract.

Discount Bank also advanced after the Knesset Finance Committee dropped a plan to force banks to shed their holdings in other hanks except subsidiaries in which they held at 50 percentowned subsidiaries.

Discount Bank, which has a minority holding in First International Bank, advanced 2.25 percent, First International shares rose 1%, Bank Hapoalim slipped 1% aod Bank Leumi was unchanged.

"It's a quiet market. Everyone's waiting for the elections" at the end of the month, said Daniella Finn, head of sales at Batucha Securities in Tel Aviv.

The Two-Sided Index went up 0.07% to 204.16, while the Maof Index fell 0.14% to 214.56.

About NIS 61 million worth of shares traded oo the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, 18% less than last month's average of NIS 74m. Advancing issues and decliners were about even.

The most active issue was Elite, whose shares were up 4.8% on NIS 3.8m. worth of shares traded. Elite reported a 1995 loss of NIS 6.1m. Tuesday, after 6

NIS 52m. provision largely to restructure its operationa in

1994, Elize earned

NIS 32.5m. "The stnck had heeo depressed," and "maybe these results wereo't as had as people expected," Fino said.

Tadirao Telecommunicatioos received a NIS 20m. cnntract from the government to provide fiher-optic iofrastructure io Modi'ın.

Amnng other actively traded issues, Koor, Tadiran's pareot, rose 0.2%. The company said yesterday it would take public as much as 25% of its propertymanagement subsidiary.

IDB Holdings, the investment arm of the Recanati family of Israel, fell 2.5%.

Teva eased 0.5%, while Pharmacia & Upjohn was denied a court order giving it exclusive rights to market an aver-thecounter version of a treatment for baldness. The ruling allows Teva, as well as Alpharm Inc. aod Bausch and Lomb Inc., to market generic versions of the drug.

Chemical companies lost grouod: Bromine fell 0.8%, Dead Sea Works shed 2% and Israel Chemicals eased 0.4%. Makhteshim was unchanged.

(Bloomberg)

Dollar center stage in quiet May Day Europe

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) - The dollar's recovery back above 105 yeo held the focus in Europe, where the Londoo stock market was the only major Enropean hourse

open oo May Day. Currency dealera quickly hought dollars to match sales they had made earlier, short-coveriog, acknowledgiog that the Bank of Japan's strategy of "talking up" of the dollar without actually committing funds to interveotioo had been tempurarily

successful. The dollar was trading around 105.10 yen, held in place by background fears of a "bear-trap" where the BOJ allows the market tn huild up large short dollar-yeo positions before entering the fray with ao aggressive round of

intervection. But despite the dollar's modest recovery against the yen an fading fears of imminent Japanese tightening, it was only a matter of time hefnre it headed inwer again, dealers said.

The dullar fell slightly against the mark after climbing to a 14-month high of 1.5370 oo Tuesday.

The Loodoo Stock Exchange started quietly, and dropped ahnut 12 points, hut recovered slightly in line with US stocks.

Wall Street stocks and boods were higher at mid-morning after news of a rise in the National Association of Purchasing Managers Index for April. The NAPM said yesterday its index of manufacturiog activity rose to 50.1 in April from 46.9 in March.

Londoo was also constrained by caution ahead of local elections today and domestic and foreigo economic data.

US employment data for April are due tomorrow, keeping mar-

The Amsterdam hourse was also open. It was up 1.12 at 555.72 having gotten off tn a slow start after Tuesday's Queen's Day haliday.

Nasdaq sets record high for 10th-straight close

WALL STREET REPORT

Nasdaq market roared to its 10th straight record close yesterday, matching an unbrokeo string of highs set in 1992, as investors again bid up shares of small and

medium-sized companies. Blue-chip stocks drifted higher in subdued trading ahead of key economic data.

Based on early and unofficial Stock Exchange.

NEW YORK (Reuter) - The data, the Dnw Jnnes industrial average ended up 6.14 points at 5,575.22. The Nasdaq composite index jumped 9.14 points to a oew high of 1,199.66, heating Tuesday's record of 1,190.52.

In the hroader market, advancing issues led declines by a 13-10 oo moderate trading of 404 million shares oo the New York

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Maccabi Tel Aviv reaches finals

MACCAB1 Tel Aviv withstood a terrific performance by Bnei Herzliya and concluded the sweep of their semifinal series with a 98-84 victory in Yad Eliyahu, last

Doron Jamchee was not available, due to injury, and in his absence, Maccabi enjoyed one of their best offensive performances of the season.

The team was focused, the ball-handling was fluid, and the passes were crisp and in abundance.

The shooting was on target as well, and no one started off sharper than Tom Chambers, who had 16 points in the first 16 minutes to help the Tel Avivians storm out to 6 49-34 advantage. Fortunately for Herzliya, Amir Mukhlari decided to get aggressive on offense and scored five consecu-

ELI GRONER

Mukhtari missed a free throw that would bave been his sixth, but Maccabi's Tomer Steinhauer accidentally tipped it in for two more points. On Herzliya's next possession, Ami Nawi set up Amir Katz for his third three-pointer of the half and the deficit was cut to 49-44. A couple of Maccabi free throws determined the halftime score of 51-44.

Katz opened up the second half by nailing another three-pointer to move his club closer. The Maccabi lead remained between four and eight points as Motti Daniel (19 second half points) and Herzliya's John Hudson (20) seemed to be involved in a manoa-mano duel, with each one scoring at will.

In the end, Maccabi just had too much firepower for the

Herzliyans. This was epitomized when, with the score 74-68 and nine minutes remaining. Daniel countered a Hudson three-point play with a rare four-point conversion. One minute later, the Herzliya bench was assessed a rechnical foul. Oded Katash converted both free throws to put the

game out of reach. For Maccabi, Daniel scored 31 points and Chambers added 25. Nadav Henefeld had a great line of 21 points, 8 rebounds; 6 assists and a steal. All of this bodes well for Tzvi Sherf's club which now has until May 12th to rest until the championship series ("Gmar-Sal") gets under way. Tonight, Game 3 of the Hapoel

Jerusalem-Hapoel Galil Elyon semifinal is scheduled to be played in Malha. The series is currently tied at one game



HARD-PRESSED - Orlando's Anfernee Hardaway gives Detroit's Terry Mills problems during

Orlando sweeps Detroit

AUBURN HILLS, Michigan -Anfernee Hardaway scored 15 of his 24 points in the third quarter Tuesday night, leading Orlando to a 101-98 victory over Detroit and a three-game sweep of their open-

ing-round playoff series.
Shaquille O'Neal went to the bench with his fourth personal foul and the Magic leading 57-55 with 9:18 left in the third quarter. But Orlando, led by Hardaway's six points, went on a 16-6 run over the next six minutes and led by 11 at the end of the period.

Allan Houston scored 33 points for the Pistons. His 3-pointer pulled Detroit within one point with 8.3 seconds left in the game, but Nick Anderson then made two free throws for Orlando.

Detroit had a chance to tie in the closing seconds, but Houston missed a 3-pointer. The Pistons got the rebound but Joe Dumars's shot was blocked at the buzzer.

Rockets 104, Lakers 98 Hakeem Olajuwon scored 30 points and host Houston used a late 13-0 run tobeat Los Angeles for a 2-1 lead in their opening-round playoff series. Olajuwon, who fouled out with 10 Game 2, stayed out of foul trouble in Game 3, committing only two person-

He scored six points during Houston's decisive run in the fourth quarter, when the Lakers went scoreess for 6 minutes and 20 seconds.

The Rockets can wrap up the bestof-5 series with a victory tonight at

Reserve Sedale Threatt scored 10 straight points for the Lakers, helping them take an 89-86 lead with 8:22 left in the game. But then the Lakers went cold and the Rockets got hot. Houston's Robert Horry sank a 3-

pointer to it with 8:06 remaining, starting the 13-0 nm that put the Rockets ahead 99-89. The Lakers didn't score again until Anthony Peeler hit a 3-pointer with 2:02 left. Elden Campbell led the Lakers with 18 points.

SuperSonies 96, Kings 89
Hersey Hawkins 3-pointer capped late 9-0 run as visiting Seattle regained control of its first-round playoff series by rallying to beat

Sacramento.

The SuperSonics lead 2-1 in the best-of-5 series, with Game 4 tonight at Sacramento and Game 5 if necessary at Seattle on Saturday. Trailing 86-83 with 3:31 left, the over the next 2 1/5 minutes. The spurt began with two free throws by Hawkins and ended with his 3-pointer

from the corner.

The Sonies, trying to avoid being upset in the first round of the playoffs for the third straight season, got 17 points from Sam Perkins and 16 from Dealef Schrempf. Shawn Kemp was saddled by fouls and held to seven (Repter, AP)

NBA Playoffs
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Bayern downs Bordeaux in UEFA final

MUNICH (Reuter) - Bayern Munich took a confident stride towards its first European trophy for 20 years with a 2-0 vic-tory over Bordeaux on home soil in the first leg of the UEFA Cup final yesterday.

Days after a turbulent week-

end when coach Otto Rehhagel was sacked and chairman Franz Beckenhauer took control of the team, a 35th-minute goal from Thomas Helmer and a 60thminute strike from Mehmet Scholl helped the Germans enjoy a cool, calm night which was perfect for football.

Picking up their first UEFA Cup title will, however, not be easy for the record German champions in the second leg in France on May 15.

Bordeaux, which took the scalp of Italian giants AC Milan on its way to the final, was not afraid to go forward in the Olympic stadium and would have scored had it not been for superb gozikeeping by Oliver

Bayern last triumphed in Europe in 1976 when it won the European Cup for the third onsecutive season.

Beckenbauer, desperate for international success again, dis-missed Rehbagel after a calami-tous home defeat by Hansa Rostock.

The sight of the former World Cop-winning captain and coach on the touchline seemed to focus the minds of the sometimes erratic Germans who showed patience against a battling French team which was appearing in its first European final. Lineups:

Bayern Munich: Oliver Kahn, Thomas Helmer, Markus Oliver Babbel, Kreuzer, Dietmar Hamann, Cirlaco Sforza, Lothar Matthaeus (Dieter Frey, 53) Mehmet Scholl, Christian Ziege, Jaergen Klinsmann, Jean-Pierre Papin (Marcel Witeczeck, 68)

Bordenux: Gaten Huard. Jakob Priis-Hausen,
Grenet, Jean-Luc Dogon,
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Late British soccer results

Yanks, O's play longest ever 9-inning game

BALTIMORE (Reuter) - The wait was worthwhile as far as the Yankees were concerned, as Tino game for us ... everything was up ... our spirit was as far as the Yankees were concerned, as Tino Martinez's three-run homer in the seventh lifted New York to a 13-10 win over the Orioles in the longest nine-inning game in big league history.

Each seam used five pitchers in the game, which lasted four hours 21 minutes, breaking the previous mark of 4:18 set between the San Francisco Giants and the Los Angeles Dodgers on October 2, 1962.
"No, I'm not tired," Yankees manager Joe Torre

good on the bench.

New York trailed 9-4 before erupting for a five-run rally in the fifth, capped by Jim Leyritz's two-run blast. That set the stage for Martinez's towering shot off Keith Shepherd into the seats in right center.

The win moved New York (13-10) a half-game ahead of Baltimore (14-12) atop the American

TUESDAY'S AL RESULTS	AMERICAN LEAGUE				HATIONAL LEAGUE					
Cleveland 5, Chicago 3		East Di	vision			East Division				
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Seattle 8, Texas 0	Toronto	11	14	.440	а	Philadelphia	13	11	.542	3
New York 13, Baltimore 10	Detroit	9	16	-333	6	New York	11	13	458	3
California 7, Oakland 3	Boston	7	19	.269	71/2	Florida	11	16	.407	67/2
Camornes /, Cakand 3	Central Division				Central Division					
	Cleveland	16	6	.667	-	Chicago	13	14	.481	_
TUESDAY'S NL RESULTS:	Chicago	15	10	.600	17/2	Houston	13	14	.481	_
Florida 7. Philadelphia 2	Minnesota	12	12	.520	31/2	Pittsburgh	12	14	.462	1/2
Pittsburgh 10, Cincinnati 7	Milwaukee	12	12	.500	4	St. Lauts	12	15	.444	î
Montreal at New York, ppd., rain	Kansas City	9	16	.333	81/2	Cincinnati	9	16	.350	3
Atlanta 7. Houston 5	West Division				West Division					
	Seattle	16	10	.615	-	San Diego	17	10	.630	_
Chicago 7. St. Louis 6	Texas	16	10	615	_	San Francisco	14	12	.538	21/2
Los Angeles 7. Colorado 4	Caldomia	13	12	520	21/2	Los Angeles	14	14	.500	31/2
San Francisco 9, San Diego 4	Oakland	13	12	.520	21/2	Colorado	11	14	.440	Š

Russia outskates, outclasses Italy, sets up semifinal with Canada

VTENNA (AP) - Favorites Russia defeated Italy 5-2 in a quarter-final yesterday to set up a semifinal remarch with Canada that is widely expected to produce the eventual winner of the World Ice Hockey Championships.

The Russians, world champions a record-22 times, toved with an Italian team sporting 14-naturalized North Americans - mostly Canadians - and coached by Canadian Bryan Lefley.

It was the Italians' fourth straight appearance in the quarter-finals and their

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Tomorrow's Canada-Russia semifinal is a rematch from a an earlier pool game won 6-4 by Russia on a deciding goal in the final three minutes. The Canadians advanced with a 3-1 win Tuesday over

defending champion Finland.
"It will be a big fight, nothing unexpected," said Russian coach Vladimir Vassiliev. "They (Canada) will play until there's not a drop of energy left and the one that has the most left will win.

"It would be more convenient for us to

play another team." he added.

The other semifinal pits the US against

either Germany or the Czech Republic. The Americans - looking for their first medal in 34 years - qualified with a 3-2 win Tuesday over Sweden.

The Germans and Czechs were scheduled to play a late match with Germany trying to make the semifinals for the first time. The Czech have won six world titles. Russia, fielding a dozen NHL players, looked like it was practicing, skating at half speed much of the time against the eved the slumbering Russians, who got

much smaller, hustling Italians.
Dmitri Erofeev and Dmitri Kvartalnov.

scored first-period goals to put the Russians ahead 2-0 after the first period. The Italians' only moment came in the

second period when Gaetano Orlando scored on a penalty shot at 14:23 to cut the lead to 2-1.

Orlando got the penalty after he was pulled down from behind by Russian Boris Mironov as he was moving in alone on goalie Andrei Trefilov. The goal awakscores, from Valeri Karpov (Anaheim Mighty Ducks) and Alexet Yashin (Ottawa Senators) in the final five minutes to lead 4-1 after two.

Italy cut the lead to 4-2 on a goal by Stefan Figliozzi at 5:22 of the final period, but Roman Oksiuta (Anaheim) made it 5-2 at 10:21.

In the first game of a best-of-three relegation, France defeated Austria 6-3. The Premier League: loser of the series will be demoted to world hockey's second group and Latvia. Division One: will be promoted to the top group of 12.

Arsenal O, Liverpool O. Ipswich 2, Huddersfield 1.

Oilers head to Nashville in 1998

ATLANTA (AP) - In today's era of franchise free agency, this will bave to pass for stability. The Houston Oilers are staying put for two more

years, then the NFL team is off to Nashville, Tennessee, and the promised riches of a new 65,000-NFL owners, meeting at an airport hotel in Atlanta. voted 23-6 yesterdy to allow the Oilers to move to the Tennessee capital in 1998. But no one relishes the

prospect of a lame-duck team playing before tens of thousands of empty seats. "There was a big resolve in there to make this the last opportunity for a team to relocate," said Jerry

lones, owner of Dallas Cowboys. The Oilers will be leaving the city where they were founded in 1960 as a charter member of the American Football League. Considering six other teams have switched cities since 1982, three in the past year alone, the news of yet another franchise shift was greeted with a collective yawn.

Even in Houston, where attempts to save the Oilers never generated the passion of those in Cleveland when the Browns left for Baltimore, the loss of an NFL franchise caused barely a ripple.

"This has been a foregone conclusion," said Houston Mayor Bob Lanier, who was attending an NBA playoff game. Adams said he would not try to buy out of his

Astrodome lease, scuttling speculation he would play in Memphis, Tennessee, until the new stadium is built

The Oilers, who have yet to launch a season-ticket campaign, issued their 1996 schedule last week without saying where the club plans to play.

"I think we'll get the fans out, especially if we're winning," said Adams, who plans to change the team's nickname when it moves. "Who knows? Maybe we'll go to the Super Bowl."

IT took her 32 years but Lydia Hatoel-Zuckerman finally achieved the most impressive result in Israeli fencing - a bronze medal in an international competition. Hatoel-Zuckerman came third at the World Cup competition beld in Como, Italy, beating her Chinese opponent 10-8 after trailing 7-8 with 30 seconds left. Hatoel-Zuckerman lost her next fight, for a place in the final, against an Italian fencer 15-10 but ended the tournament with a new world rating of 13 and will, as a bonus, now compete on the second day of the

Olympics in Atlanta. Making the Olympic grade Proving themselves this week were the Chantal brothers, Nir and Ran, who finished seventh in an international tournament in the Olympic-470 category in Aire, France, sealing their Olympic spots. Also swelling the ranks were pole vaulter

Nahum who managed 16.74m., beating the requirement of 16.50m. Stirring the dust at the same tournament at Hadar Yosef was Avi Teyri who jumped 16.70m. just four centimeters less than Nahum. Ping pong's prize The national men's table termis team came

Israeli fencer takes bronze in world tourney

HEATHER CHAIT

Dany Krasnov who cleared the minimum cri-

terion of 5.50 meters and triple jumper Rogel

first in their group in the European Championships, level C, in Slovakia, after winning all five of their matches. The winning team of Izak Abramov, Boris Rosenberg and Yaniv Sharon beat Malta (4-0), Switzerland (4-3), Lithuania (4-2), Iceland (4-0) and Estonia (4-1). Israel has now earned itself a place in level B of the next championships in two years' time.

Losing and winning at tennis

Noam Behr was close to winning his first professional tournament of his career this week when he narrowly lost the final of a tournament in Uzbekistan to Stephane Simian from France 7-6 (8/6), 7-6 (11/9),

And where some almost succeed, others pull it off completely.

The Eisenberg Israel Open, the only ATP tournament held in Israel, was chosen as the best tournament on the ATP series in 1995. The players themselves decide which tour-

nament wins, based on professional and social considerations. President of the Israel Tennis Centers Dr. Ian Froman, described by the ATP tour, as "bringing friendship and understanding in the Middle

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2nd Div. soccer action

resumes next weekend

SECOND Division soccer will restart next weekend, after a two-week hiatus due to Hapoel Kiryat Shmona's inability to keep up with the rest histus due to Hapoer Arryat omnoral a majority to acep up with the rest of the league during Operation Orapes of Wrath.

Kiryat Shmona is two games behind the rest of the league, which has

played 25 of its 30 rounds. The northerners' outstanding fixtures will be completed this Tuesday at home to Maccabi Kiryat Gat and a week later

The last round of the Second Division will be played on June 8, three weeks after National League soccer action is due to be completed. The majority of Second Division managements are unhappy with the arrangement and are preparing to call on the IFA to freeze relegations

The managements contend that this at least would not harm the two the managements content that the league Hapoel Taiba have clinched promotion to the National League and Hapoel Jerusalem are all but certain to join them. This arrangement is not seen as a likely scenario, however

SCOREBOARD

CRICKET - Results of rain-affected Benson and Hedges Cup limited-overs group matches yesterday:

Group A.

At Jesmond: Leicestershire best Minor Counties on a higher run rate after rain prevented a resumption of play. Minor Counties 206-9 in 55 overs;

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CANADIAN performance artist and comedienne Sylvie Laliberte will present her Slow Body, which is about under-standing movement, and holding on. "I am a slow body. I do everything slowly I understand gently," says part of her text. She also reads part of her texts in French and she sings. Sponsored by a Canadian government scholarship, she's appearing one time only - Saturday night at SheJter 209; (03-642-5208) at 9.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

ORIT Wolf presents e piano recital tonight (8:30) at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem, playing a highly demanding program consisting of selections by Mozant, Beethoven, Schumann, Bartok and Chopin.

Robert Cohen, one of the finest cellists around, plays Dvorak's cello concerto with the Haifa Symphony Orchestra under the baton of Giora Bernstein on Saturday (9) at the North Theater in Kirvat Haim and on Sunday, Monday, and Wednesday at the Haifa Auditorium (8:30). Brahms's Variations on a Theme by Haydn and
Hindernith's Symphonic Metamorphoses Anat Danieli's 'October' will be performed at the on Themes by Weber are also part of the Suzanne Dellal Center in Tel Aviv.

The 21st Century Ensemble, also known as the Israel Contemporary Players, presents an intriguing program Saturday (9:15) at the Tel Aviv Museum and Sunday (8:30) at the Jerusalem Music Center. Hungarian maestro Zsolt Nagy leads the ensemble in Luis de Pablo's Four Songs of Ibn Gvirol, Toshio Hosokawe's Landscapes VI, Ron Weidberg's Election Campaign for the Presidency of the United States of Chinamerica to a text by David Avidan, and Schoenberg's Serenade, which comprises 6

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DANCE

sonnet by Petrarch in its fourth movement. The

soloist is German baritone Dietrich Henschel.

ANAT Danieli's October is a very concentrated piece of pure dance, devoid of gimmicks and concentrating entirely on the way the body moves. It is not always easy to watch, but it is thoroughly rewarding once you let yourself be immersed by the dancer and choreographer's very special world of images. It can be seen



tonight through Saturday at the Suzanne Dellal Center in Tel Aviv at 9, except tomorrow night when it is at 10.

lerusalem's Vertigo performs in tandem with Hungary's Artus in their very theatrical and explosive shared experience titled Artus tonight in Karmiel, tomorrow in Ofikim, Saturday at the Suzanne Dellal Center in Tel Aviv, Sunday in Pardess Hanna, and next Wednesday in Tel Mond. All performances at 8:30, except Saturday Michael Ajzenstadt

DANCER and choreographer Yael Karamski and actor Sam Kleiman collaborate onstage to retell the sad story of the golem of Prague in the context of today's Israeli reality. In their Golem, new immigrant Jonathan meets sabra Anna, as theater meets dance and personality collides with personality. Composer Arye Shapira wrote the origioal score. Tonight in Yaron Yerushalmi Hall at Suzanne Dellal at 9 and tomorrow at 10.

Helen Kaye

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6:30 News in Arabic 6:45 Exercise Hour 7:00 Good Morning Israel

EDUCATIONAL TV

6:00 The Cairo Geniza 8:30 Learning to read 8:50 Social Studies 9:10 They Simply Said No 9:25 Programs for young children 10:00 Family Relations 10:30 Ari 10:55 English 11:20 Literature 11:45 Scientists 12:05 English 12:20 Scientists 12:40 Methemetics in daily life 12:55 Music 13:30 Scary Tales 13:40 Our Friends 13:45 Kitty Cat and Tommy 14:00 The Fables of King Babar 14:25 Mrs Peppercom 14:35 Hedgehog 14:45 Gaya, Gal and Gill 15:00 Autolo

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14:00 The 700 Club 14:55 The Year 2889 - survivors of nuclear devastation 16:30 Dennis the Menece 16:55 Mask 17:20 Diplodo 17:45 Front Runners 18:40 The A-Team 19:30 World News 20:00 World Naws Tonight Arabic 20:30 Evening Shade 20:55 Jake end the Fatman 21:45 Law and Order 22:35 The 700 Club 23:35 Another Life

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TTV 3 (33)

16:00 News 16:15 World of Arts 17:15 The Nite Still Flows 18:00 NBA 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 Inside Stuff 20:00 Mebal news 20:45 Telekessef 21:15 Always (1985) — Romantic movie about three couples — one about to get divorced, one about to get married and one solidly married — who spend the Fourth of July together. Starring Henry Jaglom (who also directs), Petricie Townsend, Joenna Frank, Allan Rachins, Melissa Leo and Jonelham Rachins, Melissa Leo and Jonelhan Kaufer. (105 mins.) 23:00 Jazz Through the Night 00:00 Closedow

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8:00 Falcon Crest (rpt) 9:00 One Life to Live (rpt) 9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt) 10:30 Second Time Around 10:55 WKRP in Cincinnati Around 10:55 WKRP in Cincinnati 11:25 Celeste (rpt) 12:10 Neighbors (rpl) 12:35 Dallas (rpt) 13:30 Starting at 1:30 14:05 The A Team 14:55 Felcon Cresl 15:45 Melrose Place 16:40 Neighbors 17:10 Dallas 18:00 One Life to Live 18:45 The Young and the Restless 19:30 Local broad-casl 20:00 Celeste 20:45 New York News 21:40 Moscow on the Hudson casi 20:00 Cefeste 20:45 New York News 21:40 Moscow on the Hudson (1984) — A Russian saxophonist defects during a visit to New York, only to find that everyone he meets is an immigrant. With Robin Williams in his first dramatic role, Alejandro Rey, Maria Conchita Alonso, and Clargant Detricks Directed by Deut Cleavant Derricks. Directed by Paul Mazursky. (115 mins.) 23:30 Preview Magazine 23:50 Sislers 00:40 Babylon 5 1:25 Knots Landing 2:15 San Francisco Tales 3:10 The Great Defender 3:55 The Golden Years

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10:30 Stolen Children (1992, Italian) (rpl) 12:20 Crazy Ads 12:55 Gizmo (1977) - documentary on eccentric inventors (76 mins.) 14:15 A Day in inventors (76 mins.) 14:15 A Day in October (1992) — war-time Copenhagen (96 mins.) (rpt) 15:55 Violation of Trust (rpt) 17:30 All I Want for Christmas (1991) (88 mins.) (rpl) 19:05 Beautiful Dreamers (1992) — Walt Whitman and the head of e psychiatric institute collaborate on naw treatments. With Colm Feore and Ric Tom. (107) Colm Feore and Rip Tom. (107 mins.) 21:00 Doomsday Gun (1994)

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■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

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■ DISCOVERY (8)

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Shop 11:00 European Money Wheel
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17 Woman not starting, hadly deranged (4) 18 Keep going after all the others (4) 19 One in Paris scoffed, not

21 Go in for alternative building material (7)

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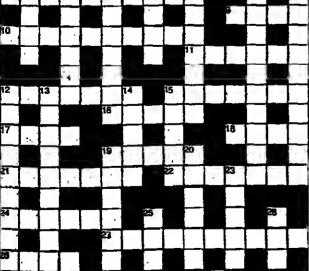
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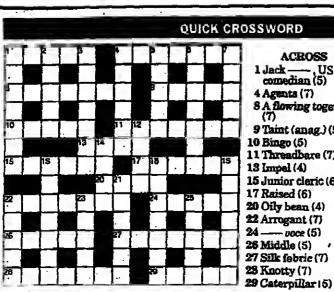
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Haggai Amir: I believed in Yigal's actions

HAGGAl Amir may have harmed his case yesterday by testifying that he believed in his brother Yigal's actions, at the court hearing held in the Tel Aviv District Court to determine whether the confessions he made while in custody are admissible.

Amir is charged, together with his brother Yigal and Dror Adani, with conspiring to kill prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, to harm Palestinians and their property as well as with the possession of arms and ammunition.

"Out of solidarity I told him [Yigal Amir] he was not alone and it was his right to do as he wished," Amir told the court, contrary to what he and his lawyer Moshe Meroz had agreed upon. "It is a privilege to sit in prison for

At this point, Judge Amnon Strashnov turned to Amir and asked: "Then why don't you just confess to the charges?

Amir emphasized that his interrogators would not let him sleep and eventually he confessed to charges, just so "I could go to sleep." He also said that when he was first arrested, he was led to understand that he was only being detained and would later be released.

Meroz had declared that Haggai Amir's confessions to the GSS and police were extracted while his client was under extreme pressure and therefore could not be

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accepted as evidence.

Meroz told journalists that under different circumstances he would have declared Amir a hos-

"I am not enthusiastic about his testimony, but I think he meant to say that he [Haggai Amir] believed in his brother's ideology but not in the act [of murdering Rabin], Meroz said. "He did not know that Yigal intended to kill Rabin."

Yigal Amir also took the stand, saying he knew that his brother Haggai would be arrested since the laner made the hollow point bullets used to kill Rabin. He testified that his brother gave them to him weeks before Rabin's murder, in which he insisted that he had acted alone.

He described how a GSS investigator who was initially present during a meeting in the cell between him and his brother spilled a glass of water, and then left the room so that the brothers

would believe they were alone.
"My brother," he said, "is as straight as a die, and would not surrender to any pressure which investigators tried to put him under. He is not capable of lying." The court will rule on the admissibility of Haggai Amir's

confessions on June 5 Yigal Amir will appeal this morning to the Supreme Court against his guilty verdict and subsequent sentencing for the murder of Rabin.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

The body of 30-year-old Taiba resident who drowned in Lake

Kinneret Tuesday was found by divers yesterday. The lake

authority called on the public to only swim in safe areas and

The Knesset Finance Comminee has approved NIS 500,000 to

pay for paramedics to be constantly at Prime Minister Shimon

Peres's side. This provision has not been made for any previous

prime minister, but the government told the committee that the

situation has changed in light of Yitzhak Rabin's assassination.

MDA gets show-cause order against Mula

The High Court of Justice yesterday gave Prime Minister

Shimon Peres 14 days to justify his appointment of Shlomo

Mula to the Navon Commission investigating the Ethiopian

Magen David Adom, which charged that Mula suffered from

director of blood services. Dr. Amnon Ben-David. The court

also ordered the commission not to issue its final report until it

rules on the petition, but did not forbid it to continue meeting.

International theater conference starts today

Central European Committee are holding their annual meeting

Local affiliates, and the meeting's organizers, are the Hebrew language Miley and the English Amateur Drama in Israel.

president Jacques Lernaire (France) are among the top

Helen Kaye

the same fault that disqualified his predecessor on the

For the first time, the International Amateur Theater

Association's executive board, the IATA Council, and its

in Tel Aviv. from today until Sunday. More than 100,000

amateur theater groups from 80 countries are affiliated with

IATA world president Thomas Hauger (Denmark) and vice

Electricity use rose 10 percent yesterday compared with

Tuesday because of the hot weather. Demand peaked at 2:30

According to the Electric Corporation, peak demand was

3600 megawatts before the recent heat wave. The company

said it can supply a maximum of 5,500 megawatts.

Electricity demand up 10%

commission, Adisu Massala - bias against MDA and its

The show-cause order was issued in response to a petition by

Taiba man drowns in Kinneret

Paramedics to be at Peres's side



Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz (left) and President Ezer Weizman inaugurate the new Histadrut headquarters in Jerusalem yesterday, as (clockwise) Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert, MK Haim Oron, MK Ran Cohen and Histadrut Jerusalem secretary Shimon Tzurieli participate in the festivities.

Sad May Day for Histadrut workers

ON May Day 1996, 75 years after its establishment, the Histadrut folded up its flag and moved to Jerusalem.

The strains of the socialist anthem, The Internationale," were not heard at the inauguration ceremony of the Histadrut's new home in the capital's Givat Shaul industrial area. In fact. May Day was hardly mentioned.

The building was decked with flags of the state and the Histadrut's new white flag, bearing an illustration appropriate to a Korean widget plant, with only a symbolic red stripe remaining from the traditional flag.

The red flag and "The Internationale," explained Histadrut Chairman MK Amir Peretz, are archaic and anachronistic, "Who would understand them today?" he asked.

President Ezer Weizman, who cut the ribbon and fixed the mezuza onto the new, still incomplete building, noted that Israel is being built today by Romanians. Turks and other foreigners, rather than by Israeli workers.

The only one to avenge the lost honor of May Day and the red flag was Histadrut executive member Binyamin Gonen, head of the Joint Jewish-Arab list. "If the founding fathers had been here today, they would have protested the fact that May Day has been wiped out of the organizers' memory, I want to remind everyone that the Histadrut was founded in the light of the ideas and struggles which brought the workers of the world to declare an international solidarity day," he

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK MICHAL YUDELMAN

No Histadrut chairman can cancel May Day, and even the Histadrut parliament cannot cancel the red flag. Gonen remarked afterwards. There aren't any poor people today? Has the social gap disappeared? Aren't the workers struggling for their rights anymore?"

Perhaps the Histadrut's new leaders have forgotten, Gonen added, but the red flag became the workers' symbol in 1883 when the Chicago police shot workers demonstrating for an eight-hour work day, killing some of them. The blood-stained white shirt of one of the victims was picked up by the protesters who

Few happy faces were seen among the dozens of Histadrut workers who arrived at their new home yesterday. "It's a sad day for the Histadrut. There's a feeling that it's a day of mourning for the workers, which the Histadrut leaders tried to merge with May Day to blur the sadness," one veteran worker

Abandoning the Histadrut headquarters on Rehov Arlosoroff in Tel Aviv and moving to Jerusalem are part of the new Histadrut leadership's efforts to clothe the crumbling labor federation in a new image and meaning.

But the building on Rehov Arlosoroff was already a mere skeleton of what the Histadrut used to be. The death blow was dealt two years ago by Haim Ramon, who cul off the

Histadrut's main source of income, Kupar Holim Clalit.

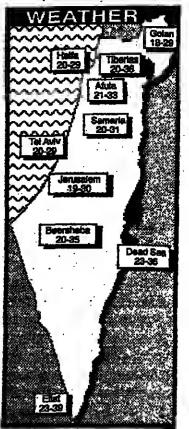
Then be sold the Histadrut's companies and properties and fired half the workers. The Histadrut, once an economic-political empire without which the government could make no major economic move, was reduced to a loose association of trade unions.

But Ramon, realizing the power of symbols, knew it wasn't enough to change the Histadrut's name and flag and get rid of its newspaper, Davar. Only nprooting it from its home and resettling it in Jerusalem would comolete the transformation he sought.

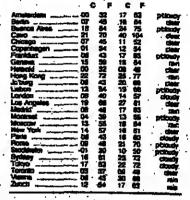
Ramon promised to make the Histadrut and the workers it represents stronger, but, as Professor Ze'ev Sternhall noted in a radio interview, the workers have become poorer. and the employers richer. According to National Insurance Institute data from December, 670,000 people are living below the poverty line.

Half of the Histadrut's workers will continue to work in Tel Aviv until the new building is completed. Na'amat and the engineers union have decided to stay in Tel Aviv. All the unions will maintain offices in Tel Aviv. at the Histadrut's expense, to stay close to their

The move was a crazy whim of Ramon, who made a revolution and escaped. Nobody today can justify the move to Jerusalem and it will certainly do the Histadrut no good,"



AROUND THE WORLD



Winning cards

IN yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the jack of spades, seven of hearts, king of dismonds, and ten of clubs.

Bnei Yehuda player questioned

RAINE MARCUS

BNEI YEHUDA soccer player Alon Mizrahi and Yehoshua Feigenbaum, the coach of Ironi Ashdod of the Second Division, were questioned vesterday for five hours at the National Crimes Squad headquarters in Petah Tikva in connection with the illcgal sports betting case.

Feigenbaum said police have gotten themselves into an affair in which the whole country should be questioned, not just those involved in sport.

Former soccer player Shlomo Shirazi, who played for Betar Jerusalem and the national team and is suspected of organizing the illegal, was released on bail yesterday. Aharon Davidian, the gang's alleged leader, was also

released on bail.
Police still do not have concrete proof that athletes were involved in the massive gambling operation, in which organizers allegedly turned over millions of shekels

Police and tax officials confirmed that scores of additional basketball and soccer players and coaches and trainers will be questioned to discover possible involvement in the illegal gam-

bling operation. Joe Suzin, who police believe is . the banker of the operation, was remanded for the second time yesterday by Petah Tikva's Magistrate's Court. Police and tax authorities believe he evaded tax and VAT on millions of shekels of

Druse soldier beaten up by Arabs

an off-duty Druse soldier, beating him unconscious after accusing him of being a "traitor" for serving in the army, his family said

yesterday. of "hooliganism."

The incident happened on Tuesday on a beach along the Kinneret during celebrations of the Moslem holiday of 1d al-Adha. The alleged attackers were Israeli Arabs from the Galilee, said the soldier's father who witnessed the attack. "This is a disgrace," said Abdullah Futfut, a Druse from the village of Magbar in the Galilee. "I felt like I was in the Gaza Strip." Futfut said he had taken his family to Majdal. north of Tiberias to celebrate the holiday. His son, Shadi, 19, was on leave from the army and was

walking in civilian clothes with IDF dogtags around his neck. He said a group of Israeli Arabs started taunting him for being a sol-dier, calling him a "traitor." "My son told them it was bis duty to serve as an Israeli, but they started beating bim up. Futfut said. "I heard the noise and saw a crowd

dier. He is a traitor. I ran over and dragged him away," Futfut said. He said moments later, three cars drove up and at least a dozen people jumped out and started beating his son with clubs until he fell unconscious. His younger 16year old son was also hurt trying to defend his brother, Futfut said. We Druse serve in the army

my hip all of the time. What happened to my son yesterday can happen to others tomorrow, Futfut said. Dr. Ya'acov

Faubstein, director of Poria Hospital near Tiberias, said Shadi had regained consciousness and was listed in moderate condition. Faubstein said.

'traitor' were said, but we would-n't call it a nationalistic attack," said Eitan Cohen, Police spokesman for the Northern Valley Region. "We call it booli-

He confirmed that Israeli Arabs

Women soldiers can't be hostesses ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

THE IDF has issued instructions banning female soldiers from being used as escorts for VIPs or hostesses in military or civilian events. The Jerusalem Post has learned.

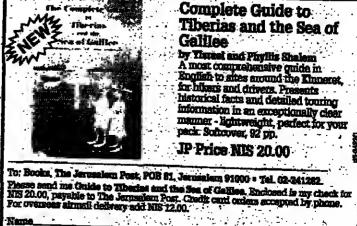
The instructions were distributed this week to all military units and came as a result of complaints by women soldiers, who said they had been sent to events and ended up being treated like "cheap bar host-

Col. Anat Rotem, deputy bead of the Women's Corps, issued the instructions to the units.

"Women soldiers are not to be used as escorts or bostesses in military or civilian events. Woman soldiers get no relative benefit by escorting VIPs or by presenting gifts or flowers to central figures. It: is important to use women soldiers. for necessary missions in an equal manner and for missions placed upon all soldiers in a unit in gener-

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A GROUP of Arab men attacked

Police confirmed that a soldier was beaten, but said it was a case of people shouting: 'Kill the sol-

defending the nation. But the nation bas to defend us, too. I

He suffered severe blows all overhis body, including his bead, Police said they were investi-gating the incident and that the identities of some of the alleged attackers were known.

"It could be that things like

were suspected of the assault.

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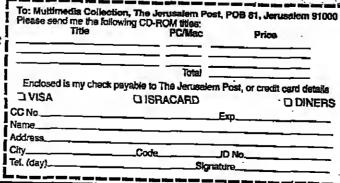
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